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Box 2

December 10, 1931 To March 12, 1932

Copies of Letters sent to the Director from
the Superintendent of the Denver Mint.

MISCELLANEOUS
FROM DEC. 10, 1931
TO MARCH 12, 1932.

DAY LETTER

DENVER DECEMBER 10, 1931

J. P. LOGAN, MAYOR
PORT ARTHUR TEXAS.

WHILE MINT DOES NOT FURNISH ESTIMATES VALUE GOLD BULLION
PRIOR TO ASSAY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED PESOS MEXICAN GOLD COIN
ORDINARILY HAVE APPROXIMATE VALUE NINE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN DOLLARS
LESS MINT CHARGES OF ONE DOLLAR FOR MELTING AND SMALL TREATMENT
CHARGE. IF GOLD SENT HERE SEND LETTER OF ADVICE AND PREPAY TRANS-
PORTATION CHARGES AND PAYMENT WILL BE MADE FOR VALUE FOUND LESS
MINT CHARGES.

Don Hinrichs
Acting Superintendent

Collect charges at Port Arthur

December 10, 1921

M. & M. Dental Laboratory,
Suite 213-214,
Medical & Dental Arts Building,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

A consignment bearing your label has been received at this institution by insured parcel post but to date a letter of advice pertaining to this shipment has not been received from you which is necessary before your deposit may be entered for treatment.

Kindly advise me concerning this shipment at our earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:T

December 10, 1931

Adams Dental Laboratory,
Medical Arts Building,
Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

Your consignment of the 6th instant weighing upon receipt here 10.72 troy ounces consisting of scrap and fillings has been received and in regard thereto I have to state that it is doubtful if your material will have a minimum value of \$100.00 which is the least amount that the Mint will accept for purchase.

I would suggest that you send enough more of similar material to give your deposit the required value, as should I proceed to treat this material as it now stands, it would undoubtedly have to be rejected and such charges imposed as have been incurred up to the time of its rejection.

Kindly advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Wm. H. Smith
Acting Superintendent

OH:T

December 10, 1931

Mr. C. E. Singleton,
Hidgway, Colorado. R. 1, Box 255. % David Wood

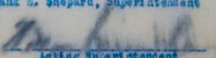
Dear Sir:

Your amalgam has been received and in reply regret to advise you that the Mint does not accept this material for purchase. Please advise me as to your wishes regarding the disposal of this amalgam and if you wish it returned to you, please forward the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

December 10, 1931

Mr. J. B. Olinger,
Farland, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant, I have to advise that while the Mint does not make analyses of the material enclosed by you in a separate package, the contents thereof appear to be calcite - carbonate of lime. It also contains small specks of copper or sulphide of copper.

I am unable to give you any advice as to the profitable mining of this material but would think that unless you have a large quantity of it, it will not pay you to do so.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:7

December 10, 1931

Dr. W. D. Howard,
Garden City, Kansas, P.O. Box 851

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment having a total weight upon receipt here of 1.39 troy ounces has been received and in reply I have to advise that the Mint does not accept dental scrap in lots having a value under \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your material will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OK:T

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December 10, 1931

A. L. Gibbs Agency,
Suite 533 University Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

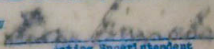
Referring to your telephone message and letter of the 9th instant relative to a balance of \$4.56 which you state John D. Taylor, Guard at this institution, owes the McCoumel Variety Store at Florence, Colorado, and which has been running since March, 1923, please be advised that I have taken this matter up with Mr. Taylor and he assures me that he cancelled this indebtedness in 1923 - George Route of Florence witnessing the payment.

I would suggest that you get in touch with Mr. House and endeavor to learn if this is a fact and advise me further.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OM:R

December 11, 1931

Mr. R. S. Colvin,
210 South 8th Street,
Tacoma, Washington.

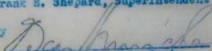
Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 8th instant, I
have to advise that the Mint is not in the market for the
purchase of silver at the present time, its stock of silver
being redundant.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:T

December 11, 1931

Mr. A. J. Walters,
Chandler, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your communication of the 9th instant, I have to advise that this institution purchases scrap gold containing silver when sent in lots having a value of not less than \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the consignment.

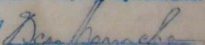
The Mint charges \$1.00 for melting deposits having a weight of 1000 ounces or fraction ^{thereof} and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction, and a nominal treatment charge which varies according to the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

I am enclosing a circular which will undoubtedly be of some assistance to you in this matter and please note that consignments must have transportation charges prepaid and be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

December 10, 1931

Mr. R. A. Swabs,
Atlantic City, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 4th instant and in reply have to state that I understood very clearly that you wanted a report as to the value of each one of your two consignments, but as I endeavored to make clear to you in my letter, this could not be done without each lot being separately melted and assayed which the regulations would prohibit owing to the fact that your lot No. 2 weighs but 1.04 troy ounces and no consignments are treated separately and their value determined which do not weigh two full troy ounces. I therefore have no way of advising you as to the value contained in lot No. 2, but if you desire, the two lots can be combined and payment made accordingly.

Please advise me what you wish me to do in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don H. Smith
Acting Superintendent

OH:T

December 11, 1931

Dr. H. J. Lilienfeld,
1228 Second Street, N.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 6th instant, weighing upon receipt here 5.61 troy ounces, please be advised that material of this kind is not accepted when the value is under \$100.00 and as your material does not appear to contain that amount, I would suggest that you send approximately one and a half or two ounces more of similar material in order that it will comply with the requirements of the List.

I am holding your material without treatment until further advised by you in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean Minich
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

December 11, 1931

Mr. J. T. McKinnon,
Bonanza, Arizona. Route 1

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 9th instant in which you state you are forwarding some ore for assay and have to advise that the Mint does not do work of this kind. Reliable assays can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

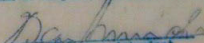
If you desire the return of the sample you have forwarded here, please send the necessary postage.

Your letter states that you were enclosing \$1.00 to pay for assay of your material, but no money was found when the letter was opened here.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OK:T

December 11, 1931

Mr. R. E. Woods,
Twin Bridges, Montana.

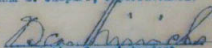
Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment under date of the 8th instant, weighing upon receipt here 2.29 troy ounces, I regret to say that owing to the large amount of dirt contained in this material and the apparently small amount of gold, your deposit is too small for acceptance by the Mint and will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, the Mint having no fund from which to defray such expense.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CR:T

December 11, 1931

Mr. Shirley B. Call,
Douglas, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant and have to advise that the alleged coin described by you is not a coin of the United States.

For a few years after the discovery of gold in the West gold coins were issued by banks, mining companies and assayers in certain localities including San Francisco, California, having a resemblance to official coins and one August Humbert, Assayer in San Francisco, manufactured an octagonal \$50 gold piece in 1851. The design on the obverse side of this piece resembles somewhat the one of which you forwarded a sketch but you will note from the description which follows that your piece differs in essential details from the piece manufactured by Mr. Humbert:

"\$50 Dollars, 1851. Octagonal. Obv. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. An eagle standing upon a rock, grasping a shield and three arrows in talons of right foot, three arrows in left; in beak, a scroll inscribed 'LIBERTY'; above, 500 Thous.; below, FIFTY DOLLARS; the whole within a circle; without the circle, AUGUST HUMBERT - UNITED - STATES - ASSAYER - OF GOLD - CALIFORNIA - 1851, on the eight sides of the piece. Rev. Concentric circles, within engine turned. Edge reeded. Size 26, 28; wt. 1.510 grs."

The Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner & I

am therefore not in a position to give you any information concerning the place which you describe but I am of the opinion that it is a token of some kind and not gold and would suggest that before you purchase this piece, if that is your intention, you investigate the matter further through some reliable numismatic dealer.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Acting Superintendent

OH: T

December 12, 1891

Mr. G. S. Hall,
Prescott, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 8th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase placer gold in minimum lots of ten full troy ounces and manufactured gold in lots having a value of not less than \$100.00 - one-fifth of the weight consisting of the precious metals, gold and silver.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

By

W. A. Branch
Acting Superintendent

OS:2

December 12, 1931

Mr. H. J. Tempest
742 Young Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

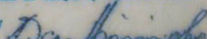
Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 9th instant, I have to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor redeem any of its coinage and pay a premium thereon. If the coins mentioned by you are worth a premium, it would be paid by coin collectors and not by the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

December 12, 1931

Mr. Ray Beck,
0481 Norfolk Avenue,
Norfolk, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 8th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase dental scrap gold when sent in lots having a value of not less than \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit - no allowance being made for platinum nor will it be returned to the depositor.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint and any consignments received complying with the necessary conditions will have my prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean Francis
Acting Superintendent

CHIEF
Enclomure

December 12, 1931

Mr. J. M. Bushanan,
Mountain View, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, I have to advise that the Mint does not make qualitative or quantitative analyses of mineral bearing specimens.

If you desire reliable assays for gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc, such work can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge for each sample of \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, \$2.00 for copper and \$2.00 for zinc - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

December 12, 1931

Mr. A. P. Pratt,
Montrose, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a small consignment bearing your name on the outside which weighs upon receipt here 1.39 troy ounces and regret that I cannot enter this deposit for treatment as two full troy ounces is the very minimum accepted for purchase. If you can send enough additional gold to bring your consignment up to that weight, I shall be very glad to have you do so, otherwise please send the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Please also be advised that it is necessary that consignments be accompanied by a letter of advice and as no such letter has been received from you, I would be unable to enter your material for treatment even if it were of the required weight.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Donna B. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

OK:T

December 12, 1932

Mr. D. E. Metz,
White Oaks, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:
Mr. R. E. Hayes,
Kill City,
South Dakota.

your copy on the outside which weighs upon receipt here
1.55 troy ounces and receipt that I cannot enter this receipt
in receipt of a small consignment. weighing
for treatment as the full troy ounce is the very minimum
upon receipt here 3.55 troy ounces and bearing your name
accepted for purchase. If you can send enough additional
on the outside, but to date have received no advice from you
will to bring your consignment up to that weight, I shall
be very glad to have you do so, otherwise please send the
as a letter of advice is necessary before the
necessary postage and insurance for its return to me.
may be entered on our books for treatment and purchase, I

Please also be advised that it is necessary that
have to request that you will write as promptly regarding
consignments be accompanied by a letter of advice and as
this consignment.
such letter has not been received from you I would be un-

Respectfully,

able to enter your material for treatment even if it were
of the required weight, Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By *[Signature]*

Acting Superintendent

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By *[Signature]*

Acting Superintendent

OK:7

OK:7

December 12, 1931

Dr. F. O. Cox,
918 1/2 Main Street,
Trenton, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 8th instant, weighing upon receipt here 6.53-avoyn ounces, I have to advise that after melting and assaying your material I find that its value is considerably under \$100.00 which is the minimum amount accepted for purchase. Your bar has accordingly been rejected and \$1.00 melting charges imposed thereon, which you are requested to forward by money order at your earliest convenience.

Should you desire to resenter your bar as a deposit at the Mint, it will be necessary for you to send not less than \$15.00 more in gold to be added thereto when it will again be melted and treated but in any event the foregoing charges must be paid prior to the resending of your material.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

December 14, 1931

Mr. Frank Dobie,
Telluride, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your consignment under date of the 10th instant, weighing upon receipt here 10.84 troy ounces, and have to advise that before this shipment may be entered on our books for treatment, it will be necessary for you to advise me the name of the mine from which this gold has been obtained, the location of same and your relation thereto, also that you will guarantee title to this gold to the United States Mint.

Respectfully.


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:F

December 14, 1931

Dr. C. S. Dailey,
Nowata, Oklahoma. Box 17

Dear Sir:

Your consignment under date of the 10th instant, weighing upon receipt here 2.16 troy ounces, has been received and I regret to say that this cannot be entered upon our books for treatment as material of this kind can be accepted only in lots having a minimum value of \$100.

Kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your material.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 16, 1921,

Mrs. Stirel Townsend,
705 Mississippi Avenue,
Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant,
you are advised that the Mint does not buy manufactured
gold in lots having a value under \$100.00 and as the
pieces mentioned by you would not very likely have that
value, the Mint would not be in a position to purchase
them.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 14, 1931

Miss Vera Westrope,
129 North Pickering,
Whittier, California.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 9th instant in reference to a ten-cent bill in your possession and have to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and I regret that I am therefore unable to give you any information relative to the value of this piece of currency.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:f

December 14, 1931

Miss Alice Higgins,
8 St. Joe Street,
Rapid City, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

In further reference to your consignment of recent date, I have your letter of the 10th instant regarding the source of this metal and now have to advise you that a preliminary test of this material indicates that it is nothing but brass and of no value.

If you desire the return of this metal, please forward me the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

December 14, 1931

Mr. Millesworth Lewis,
909 South Hall Street,
Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant, I have to advise that the only silver coinage by this Mint during the current calendar year is the dime which you may obtain through application to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. as outlined in the enclosed circular.

For coinage by the other Mints at San Francisco and Philadelphia, it will be necessary for you to apply in the same manner after you have ascertained from those institutions which coins are available for distribution, this information not being my possession.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T
Enclosure
Stamp returned

December 12, 1931

Dr. Peter F. Buse,
Austin, Washington

Dear Sir:

Referring to your question on my letter to you of the 7th instant that you would like your two lots itemized and one check made in payment, please be advised that as stated in my letter your two lots cannot be treated separately and advice given you as to the value of each lot. To do this lot No. 1 which weighs only 1.55 troy ounces would have to be melted and assayed separately and the other does not break lots under two ounces separately.

As stated in my letter your two lots can be treated as one lot and check made you in payment and if this is satisfactory to you, please advise me.

For your information I may state that lot No. 1 weighs 1.55 troy ounces and Lot No. 2 weighs 2.50 troy ounces but I have no means of advising you as to the value contained in each one of these lots.

Respectfully,

Walter H. Buse, Superintendent

WFB

December 18, 1931

Dr. Irvin C. Siler,
301 University City Bank Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant,
please be advised that your consignment to which you refer
was received at this institution on the 9th instant and
on the 11th a check in the sum of \$156.83 was forwarded to
your above address.

If upon receipt of this letter you have not re-
ceived my check, please advise me promptly,

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

PH:T

December 18, 1931

Mrs. O. B. Kellenstein,
Wilber, Montana,

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 10th instant, I have to advise that your small consignment to this institution is returned to you this day by registered mail, registry fee and postage amounting to \$1.50, and you will find herewith a one-cent stamp which balances the amount forwarded by you for the return of your material.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Sheard, Superintendent

OE:2

Enclosure

December 10, 1934

Mr. W. D. Howard,
P.O. Box 852,
Garden City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your notation on my letter of the 10th instant, I have to advise that your small consignment to this institution is returned this day by insured mail, insurance and postage amounting to \$4, the amount forwarded by you for the return of your material.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

FR:T

December 15, 1931

Mr. John Norman,
Chapman, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 13th instant and in reply have to say that our entire stock of one-cent bronze pieces excepting for the years 1930 and 1931 has been exhausted and I am therefore unable to send you a piece for 1923 or anywhere near that date, this Mint, in fact, not having coined one-cent bronze pieces in 1923.

Owing to the large demand for coins of this denomination, the Mints usually exhaust their coinage very soon after the expiration of the calendar year during which they were coined.

I am returning your 1923 coin as requested.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:J

Enclosure

December 16, 1981

Meyer Jewelry Company,
Twelfth & Walnut Streets,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Attention: Mr. Leon R. Meyer

Gentlemen:

Replying to your note of the 16th instant, I regret to say that I am unable to advise you where your gold filled jewelry may be refined except at one of the Mint's although there are a number of refineries in your city and its vicinity but I have no information concerning them nor would it be the policy of the Government to recommend any outside dealers.

Respectfully,

Frank V. Shepard, Deputy Assistant

CHS

Stamped envelope returned

December 16, 1921

Mr. J. T. McKinnon,
Bonanza, Arkansas. Route 1.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 9th instant in which you state you are forwarding some ore for assay and have to advise that the Mint does not do work of this kind. Reliable assays can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

Your letter states that you are enclosing \$1.00 for the assay of your material, but no money was found when the letter was opened here, nor have the samples to which you refer been received to date.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

FS

December 16, 1931

Mrs. Ralph W. Hickman,
Lyman, Nebraska. Box 283

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 14th instant and in reply have to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner nor does it ever recall any of its coinage and I am therefore unable to give you any information relative to the piece mentioned by you.

I also regret to state that I am unable to give you the address of any reliable coin collector from whom the desired information might be obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:V

December 16, 1931

Mr. W. A. Barto,
The First State Bank,
Thompson Falls, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 14th instant, I have to say that while formerly it has not been the practice of the Mint to receive deposits of mining gold having a value under \$100.00, recently the Director of the Mint authorized acceptance of deposits of mining gold in quantities as small as two troy ounces and any shipments received weighing not less than two full troy ounces will be accepted for purchase by the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:F

December 16, 1931

Dr. H. J. Millenfeld,
1228 Second Street, N.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your note of the 14th instant in which you advise that you are not able at the present time to send enough gold to bring your small consignment at this institution up to the required value for purchase by the Mint, I am enclosing herewith a receipt for the material which has been received from you and have to advise that your deposit will be held a reasonable time for you to send the additional gold.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory to you, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EN:J

Enclosure

December 17, 1931

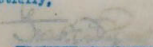
Mr. Frank L. Crover,
521 West Sycamore Street,
Nevada, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 15th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase old jewelry in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint and should there be any additional information not contained therein that you desire, I shall be glad to furnish it to you upon request.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OB:T

Enclosure

December 17, 1931

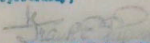
Mr. Charles E. Jones,
Electra, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 16th instant, please be advised that all positions in the Mint are covered by competitive examinations held by the United States Civil Service Commission, but at the present time there are no vacancies here and so far as I am aware none are anticipated in the near future.

If you desire to obtain information relative to examinations, I would suggest that you write to the Secretary of the 13th Civil Service District, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 17, 1934

Dr. Forrest C. Cox,
918½ Main Street,
Trenton, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant and owing to the fact that your check for \$20.00 could not be used to bring your consignment at this institution up to the minimum value of \$100.00 required by the Mint, I have this day returned your consignment to you by Railway Express Agency, charges collect, the \$1.00 check being used to defray the charges imposed for treating your material.

I would have been glad to use your \$20.00 check as you requested but consignments must have a value in gold or silver of \$100.00 in order to be accepted and the regulations do not permit me to make up any deficiency in any other way. Your check for \$20.00 is therefore returned herewith.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

QB:T

December 17, 1931

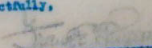
Mr. Walter Miller,
C/o Miller Brothers,
Nucola, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will now receive virgin placer gold when sent in lots of not less than two full troy ounces, each consignment to be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Regarding the law under which you can mine placer gold, I would suggest that you write to the State Mining Commissioner, State Capitol Building, Denver, Colorado, as the Mint has no information relative to that subject.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

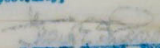
December 17, 1931

Mr. Rudic Andrestoko,
Grangeville, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your postal card of the 12th instant stating that you had shipped eight pounds of black sand mixed with gold bullion to this Mint, please be advised that to date no shipment of any kind from you has been received at this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

December 17, 1931

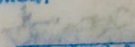
Mr. Walter T. G. Harris,
C/o The Hartford Courant,
Hartford, Connecticut.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 14th instant you are advised that one-cent bronze pieces have been coined by this institution during the current calendar year.

All applications for new coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. in accordance with instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,


Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:2
Stamped envelope returned

December 17, 1921

Mr. E. A. Shoen,
P.O. Box 2686,
Denver, Colorado,

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 15th instant and in reply please be advised that you are correct in your understanding that the minimum amount of scrap gold and silver received for purchase by the Mint is \$100.

During the past summer, the Director of the Mint authorized the Mints to receive virgin mining gold in lots as small as two troy ounces but no change has been made regarding the minimum amount of manufactured gold which still remains at \$100.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

December 18, 1931

Mrs. Bessie E. Maxwell,
108 Stoll Avenue,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 15th instant and while this institution does not make assays of mineral bearing sand, if you will forward a small sample of the dust you believe to be gold for examination, I will be glad to advise you further on the subject.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

December 18, 1931

Mrs. Stella K. Chason,
226 Shotwell Street,
Rainbridge, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant, please be advised that the Mint is not in the market for the purchase of silver at the present time and if you are desirous of ascertaining its market value you will find the New York market quotations for fine silver at the troy ounce on the financial page of your local newspaper.

I am unable to suggest where you may be able to purchase silver in small quantities but if you desire to purchase it in large amounts you may be able to do so from the American Smelting & Refining Company or the American Metals Company, New York City.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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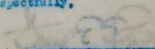
December 18, 1931

Mr. E. E. Rachel,
1037 Main Street,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside weighing upon receipt here 1.72 troy ounces, and have to advise that the Mint does not accept for purchase deposits weighing under two full troy ounces and I am therefore holding your material without treatment until advised by you that you can send the necessary gold to bring your deposit up to the required weight, or if you desire its return to you, please forward the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 18, 1931

Mr. G. S. Neil,
Prescott, Arizona.

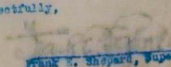
Dear Sir:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 15th instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 1.26 troy ounces, and regret that this material cannot be entered for treatment as the very smallest amount received for purchase is two full troy ounces.

I should be very glad if you can send the additional quantity necessary to bring your deposit up to the required amount, but should you prefer its return to you, please forward the necessary postage and insurance.

Regarding the payment of deposits, please be advised that gold coins are not issued in denominations under \$5.00 and payment could be made you therewith (postage and registry at your expense) for the gold content of your deposit or by check on the Treasurer of the United States as you may prefer.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

December 18, 1931

Mr. C. B. Singleton,
Ridgway, Colorado. R. 1, Box 255.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant has been received and in accordance with your request I am returning you this day your small consignment at this institution by registered mail. The postage and registry fee amounted to 25¢ and you will find enclosed 6¢ in stamps which balances the 31¢ in stamps received from you.

While the Mint does not recommend outside dealers owing to unsatisfactory returns sometimes received, as a matter of accommodation to you I might suggest that Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, or Carl Blaurock, Mack Building, both of this city, may be able to treat this amalgam for you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:R

Enclosure

December 19, 1931

Mr. Hugo W. Miller,
Negales, Arizona. Box 257

Dear Sir:

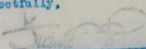
I have your letter of the 10th instant in which you state you believe there is a difference in the weight of your recent deposit at this institution and have to advise that your six bars were received in one sealed outer sack and within it two smaller sacks each containing three bars, together with your pencil memorandum requesting a report on each of the three bars. No special weights of either lot or of any individual bar were given in the bank advice or on your pencil note. The gross weight was noted, however, in the consumption entry permit but as such information is invariably in error on such permits, the slight difference in this instance was not called to your attention as your bars were sealed as stated above upon receipt here and upon opening these sacks each bar was checked by two different employees in the receiving room both before and after melting and the loss of about $3/100$ ths of an ounce on each melt attests the correctness of the weight before melting and it thus seems impossible that any mistake has been made in the matter.

In future I would suggest that you give the individual weight of your bars and if upon receipt here any discrepancy is

noted your attention will be called to any variations before your bars are treated.

When received here these bars were not chipped or drilled more than usual in such cases.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

December 12, 1931

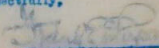
Berry Dental Company,
409 North 11th Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment with your label on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice covering this shipment which is necessary before deposits may be entered upon our books for treatment.

Kindly advise me concerning this shipment at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 19, 1951

Mr. Albert Suter,
Bumble Bee, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

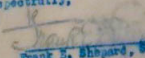
Referring to your letter of the 8th instant, please be advised that I have delivered to Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, this city, your small consignment at this institution which the Mint could not accept owing to its insufficient value.

I have requested the above firm to treat this material for you and make returns direct to you, and you will find herewith your \$1.00 in currency which you had previously forwarded for the return of your material to you.

Trusting the above action is satisfactory to you,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

December 19, 1921

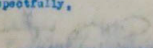
Mr. J. S. Pope,
Bidgway, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 17th instant I have this day returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold dust forwarded by you to this mint for purchase, using the 11¢ enclosed with your letter for that purpose.

Regretting my inability to be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

OH:2

December 19, 1931

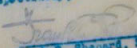
Custer County Bank,
Custer City, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of the 18th instant, I have to state that the Mint will accept placer gold in lots as small as two full troy ounces and any shipments you may make having that weight will be accepted for purchase.

Kindly accompany your consignments by a letter of advice and state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 19, 1931

Mr. R. E. Hooker,
916 South 25th Street,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 17th instant,
I have to advise that gold coins of standard weight con-
tain their face value in pure gold.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamped envelope returned

December 19, 1921

Mr. M. M. Holmes,
Selle, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant, please be advised that silver bullion is purchased by the Mint when it contains at least two assay parts of pure gold out of a possible 1000, and silver is paid for at the New York market price, less the fraction, prevailing on the day prior to the receipt of deposit, and gold at the rate of \$20.67 for each pure troy ounce.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces or fraction thereof and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction; also a small treatment charge which varies with the amount of base metal contained in deposits.

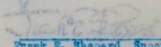
A large number of our deposits are shipped through the mail and also by express. The Mint, however, can assume no responsibility in suggesting the manner of shipment.

Depositors should state the name of the mine, State and County in which located and their relation to the mine. Deposits are usually paid for the second day after their receipt if received early in the morning but this will vary according to the number of deposits on hand at the time deposits are received. Payment is

made by check on the Treasurer of the United States or by cash, and if by the latter method, deductions are made for postage and registry fee.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on the subject and any additional information will be furnished you on request.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

December 21, 1931

Dr. C. S. Bailey,
Nowata, Oklahoma. Box 17.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 17th instant, I have this day returned to you by registered mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase using the stamps enclosed with your letter for that purchase and returning a one-cent stamp to balance the amount 24¢ forwarded by you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

December 21, 1931

Mayer Jewelry Company,
Twelfth & Walnut Streets,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 19th instant and have to say that I misunderstood the request contained in your former communication.

I regret to say that the Mint has no literature which I could send you relative to refining gold filled articles or in fact on any subject related thereto. If the Government issues any pamphlets on electrolytic refining, I am unaware of it and my only suggestion would be that you procure from your local library some technical books on this subject.

Regretting my inability to be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK, F

December 21, 1931

Hamber-Miller,
115 North Eleventh Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 18th instant, which you invoice at 1020 pennyweights or 51 troy ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here your two bars weigh exactly 49 troy ounces and before proceeding to treat this material, I would appreciate it if you would advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

December 22, 1931

Mr. James B. Field,
57 Sun Building,
Jackson, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of the 16th instant for certain coins, please be advised that this Mint has coined only Double Eagles, Dimes and One-cent Bronze pieces during the current calendar year and application for these or any other uncirculated coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

The one dollar in currency enclosed with your letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CEB:T

Enclosures

December 22, 1931

Dr. W. H. Andrew,
220 Boys Building,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your consignment under date of the 18th instant which you state weighs about 8 ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here this dental gold weighs 6.55 Troy ounces. As this weight is considerably under the weight stated by you, I have to request that you will advise me promptly if this weight is satisfactory to you before I proceed to treat your material.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7

December 22, 1931

Colorado Springs National Bank,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 21st instant and under separate cover your small consignment weighing upon receipt here 1.46 troy ounces and regret to say that the Mint cannot purchase this gold as no deposits are received weighing less than two full troy ounces.

If you can send the additional gold necessary to bring your consignment up to the required weight, I should be glad to have you do so, otherwise kindly forward me the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

In the event you can forward the necessary gold, please state the source from which this gold has been obtained - the Mint being required to keep statistics as to the source of all bullion purchased.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHT

December 23, 1931

Custer County Bank,
Custer City, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 21st instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 5.17 troy ounces, and have entered same for treatment and remittance will be made you promptly.

I regret to say that it would not be practicable to give you an assay on the small button included in your shipment as to do so it would have to be melted and assayed independently of the other material which would give it the status of a deposit and the rules prohibit the acceptance of deposits weighing less than two troy ounces - the button weighing only 69/100 of a troy ounce. This button appears, however, to be of about the same fineness as the grains and I judge its value could be approximated accordingly if it belongs to a different customer.

Respectfully,


Frank R. Shepard, Superintendent

December 28, 1931

United States National Bank of Omaha,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant, please be advised that the Mint accept deposits of old gold jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

You will find herewith a circular containing full information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint and any consignments conforming to the conditions in this circular which you may forward here will have my prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

December 22, 1931

Mr. Earl Plank,
515 North Front Street,
Pampa, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the small sample of black sand enclosed with your letter of the 22nd instant, please be advised that so far as I am aware this material has no commercial value and I am unable to give you any information as to where and how it may be sold.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

W. H. Smith
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

Sample of sand returned herewith

December 22, 1921

Commercial State Bank,
Clay Center, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st instant inquiring about securing new coins from the Mint and in reply I have to advise you that new coins are distributed only upon order of the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., and they are usually shipped on his order to the Federal Reserve Banks or branches which make distribution to the public in general.

Respectfully,


Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

30217

December 23, 1931

Mr. C. H. Lentz,
Falls, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 19th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins
in any manner and I am unable to give you any information
as to whether Indian head pennies are worth more than their
face value. The Government never recalls any of its coins
nor pays a premium thereon.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

December 23, 1931

Mr. Ernest Riecen,
Golden, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your small consignment which you state weighs two ounces and 22 pennyweights, which would be equal to three tances and two pennyweights, I have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 2.88 troy ounces. Before proceeding to treat this consignment, please advise us if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

December 23, 1921

LOHIO,
2418 N. Street,
South Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your label but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining to this shipment. As such letter is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment and purchase, I have to advise that you will write me promptly concerning this material.

Respectfully,

Wm. E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:

September 23, 1931

Dr. G. J. Bachhausen
623 North 8th Street,
Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 19th instant which you state weighs 5 1/2 ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here your material consisted of seven buttons having a weight of 5.43 Troy ounces.

Going to this discrepancy in weight and to the further fact that your deposit will probably not have a value of \$100.00, which is the very least accepted for purchase, I have to request that you will kindly supply the necessary gold to give your consignment a value of \$100.00 and advise me if the weight as above stated is correct.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

C.H.T

December 23, 1961

Mr. J. C. Petter,
Thomasville, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th instant requesting that your deposit No. 23 be combined with your small shipment of 4.00 under date of the 16th instant, and in reply please be advised that your previous deposit is now ready for payment and your advice was received too late to combine these two shipments. I will therefore hold your consignment of 4.00 try onance until you can send an additional lot to be added thereto with a minimum value of \$100.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:R

December 24, 1921

Dr. M. T. Pedersen,
501 North 27th Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant, please be advised that this institution will purchase gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. This does not include platinum and should any be contained in the deposit, the Mint does not undertake to separate it and return to the depositor.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver - this price to be predicated upon the New York market price for silver prevailing on the day prior to the receipt of the deposit.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction, these charges being deducted from the proceeds.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject and if there is any additional information desired it will be gladly furnished you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:J
Enclosures

December 24, 1931

Mr. George D. Hemingway,
P.O. Box 415,
Owatonna, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the 12 bars forwarded by you under date of the 21st instant having a weight upon receipt here of 103.60 troy ounces which were combined and made one deposit as per letter of Harry W. Stout of the same date, I have to advise that after treating this material I find its base metal content greatly exceeds the minimum accepted by the MINT - no deposits having 800 or more assay parts of base metal being accepted for purchase. This deposit has accordingly been rejected and our charges amounting to \$1.00 imposed thereon which you will kindly forward me by money order at your earliest convenience.

Should you desire to reenter this material, it will be necessary for you to add not less than 10 ounces of sterling silver to reduce the proportion of base metal contained in your shipment, but before your bar can be reentered as a deposit, the above charges will have to be paid. Kindly advise me at your earliest convenience.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information relative to the receipt of deposits at the MINT.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Stewart, Superintendent

December 28, 1931

Mr. Wilis M. Cramer,
Bearmouth, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant, I have to advise that before I can furnish you with information relative to deposits made at this institution by Arthur or Goldie Larson during the year 1931, if any such deposits have been received, it will be necessary for you to furnish me written authority from these parties to supply you such information as you may desire - it being contrary to the regulations of the Mint Service to divulge information of this nature without the written consent of the depositor.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Letter of First National Bank of Missoula
returned herewith.

December 26, 1931

First National Bank,
Jerome, Idaho.

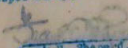
Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 24th instant advising that you are sending under separate cover a small package containing samples of lava rock which you desire to have assayed.

In this connection, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to do work of this kind but reliable assays can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount, payable to that office, to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples you are forwarding here, please send the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 26, 1951

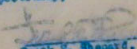
M. Evans Pawn Shop,
116 North Beaton Street,
Corsicana, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of the 23rd instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase gold and silver when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Please find enclosed a circular which will give you full information on this subject which I would suggest you read carefully in order that your deposits may conform to the conditions contained therein.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

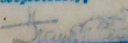
December 26, 1931

Miss Verna Peters,
1908 East Livingston Street,
Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Dear Miss Peters:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant,
please be advised that the Government does not have any
pictures or printed matter relative to the United States
Mints or the process of making money and I therefore re-
gret that I cannot send you anything that will be of as-
sistance to you in your studies.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

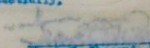
December 25, 1931

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of
your voucher-check No. 12531 in the sum of \$1.38 and your
cash remittance of 55¢ covering collections from telephone
booths Ma-9972 and Ka-9723, respectively, for the period
November 12 to December 15, 1931.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 26, 1931

First National Bank,
Rapid City, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:

In further reference to your deposit at this institution of one gold bar, weighing upon receipt here 12.65 troy ounces, which you state was obtained from foreclosure of collateral, please be advised that I am required by the Treasury Department to classify deposits at the Mint in order that a record may be kept as to whether such deposits are mining gold, manufactured gold, or coins of the United States.

In view of the fact that your gold bar has the fineness of the United States gold coins, I would appreciate if you will advise me if your bar is made up of gold of the latter character.

A prompt answer will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

December 26, 1931

Mr. F. J. Brettle,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 24th instant, please be advised that none of the commemorative coins desired by you are on hand at this institution and I would suggest that you write to the Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C., for the addresses of the various organizations in whose interests these commemorative coins were issued by the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:2

Stamped envelope returned

December 26, 1931

Mr. William B. Hale,
Rochester, New York.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 22nd instant, please be advised that during the calendar year 1931, this institution has manufactured the Double Eagle, Dime and One-Cent Bronze coins.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:T

December 26, 1961

Mrs. J. R. Cathbert,
Naturaite, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 21st instant and a small consignment of gold weighing upon receipt here 40/100 of a troy ounce which now brings your deposit at this institution up to 1.96 troy ounces and I regret very much that I cannot enter this material for purchase as two troy ounces has been fixed by the Treasury Department is the very minimum accepted for purchase.

If you desire, I will hold this material until you can send some more gold to be added to these two lots, or if you prefer, they will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 26, 1931

Mr. Elmo E. Hill,
Kaskia, Idaho. Box 3

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 17th instant received this morning relative to the small package of bullion forwarded by you to this institution on November 30th and which I regret to say is too small for acceptance owing to the fact that the Mint does not purchase deposits having a weight under two full troy ounces - your gold weighing 1.58 troy ounces.

I will be glad if you can send the additional gold necessary to bring your consignment up to the required weight, but if this is not convenient, kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

In this connection, please be advised that all consignments should be accompanied by a letter of advice in order that they may be credited to the right party and no mistake made as to whom and how payment should be made.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

DENVER TWO CLONE 80, 1931

RUDE ANTONASCHKO
- 5,00000 WASHINGTON

SHIPMENT RETURNED TO NEW TELEGRAM FORTY SIXTH
INQUIRE AND REQUEST AS LIST TO DATE.

Superintendent _____

Direct charges at 3¢/kgm

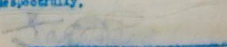
December 26, 1931

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir;

Enclosed please find non-reimbursable voucher
in the sum of \$10.00, covering steel stamps recently
furnished by you to this institution, which has been
 duly signed.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

December 28, 1931

Miss Victoria Nichols,
1485 Poplar Avenue,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Miss Nichols:

With reference to your note of the 18th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins
in any manner and therefore has no literature on this sub-
ject for distribution.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

December 28, 1931

Miss Helen Keith,
Loring, Montana.

Dear Miss Keith:

I have your note of the 22nd instant and in reply please be advised that the Mint has no literature pertaining to the money standards for distribution.

Regretting that I am unable to comply with your request, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:K

December 28, 1931

Mr. C. Doorn,
854 Montrose Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th instant, I have to advise that the only gold coinage at this institution for the current calendar year has been the twenty-dollar gold piece which may be obtained upon application to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

December 26, 1931

Mr. George O. Arnold,
111 Mathewson Street,
Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 19th instant enclosing \$1.00 in currency for the purchase of certain coins of this institution and have to advise that application for new coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instructions outlined in the enclosed circular.

Your one-dollar bill is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T
Enclosures

December 28, 1931

Mr. E. H. Oliver,
Columbia City, Indiana. L.P.D. No. 7

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th instant, I regret to say that the Mint cannot purchase the gold articles referred to therein as manufactured gold is not accepted in lots having a value under \$100.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamped envelope returned herewith

December 28, 1931

Mr. Burt Lee,
Brandon, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 24th instant and your shipment under separate cover of a box of metal, please be advised that an acid test of this material indicates that it is entirely copper and therefore not suitable as a deposit at the Mint.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your metal will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OK: T

December 28, 1931

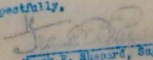
Mr. Don Fogliandich,
Therma, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your small consignment under date of the 22nd instant, which weighs upon receipt here 3.20 troy ounces and which you state had not been gathered with quicksilver, I have to advise that after melting this material it was found to contain considerable quicksilver and to be unsuitable for purchase by the Mint.

Upon receipt of \$2.00 to cover our charges for treating this material and the necessary postage and insurance your material will be returned to you. Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

December 28, 1931

Mr. Henry Evanson,
Putnam, Connecticut. Box 221

Dear Sir:

Answering your postal card of the 24th instant,
I have to advise that only the One-Cent Bronze, Dime and
Double Eagle coins have been manufactured at this institu-
tion during the calendar year 1931, and uncirculated pieces
of these denominations are available for distribution upon
application to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington,
D. C., as outlined in the enclosed circular.

No coins for 1932 will be struck at any of the
Mints until after January 1, 1932.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

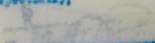
December 20, 1931

Mr. M. M. Holmes,
Sells, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 28rd instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase mining gold in its virgin state when sent in lots having a minimum weight of two full troy ounces but manufactured gold is not accepted in lots having a value under \$100.00 and a precious metal content of less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

December 28, 1931

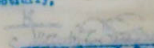
Mr. John T. Joyce,
State Commissioner of Mines,
State Capitol Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith statement of bullion received at this institution during the calendar year 1931, together with other data pertinent thereto.

Trusting this information may be of interest to you, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:5
Enclosure

December 28, 1921

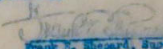
Mr. Frank Dalle,
Telluride, Colorado. Box 563.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 26th instant enclosing Treasurer's deeds Nos. 71108 and 71109 covering the transfer to you of a certain portion of the Golden Eagle Lode in San Miguel County from which you state your recent consignment to this institution was produced.

I am returning the foregoing deeds herewith and check in payment of your deposit will be forwarded promptly under separate cover within the next day or so.

Respectfully,


Frank N. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

December 28, 1931

Mr. H. C. Butler, Manager,
Leadville Publishing & Printing Company,
Leadville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 17th instant,
I am enclosing herewith statement of tuition received at
this institution for the calendar year 1931, together with
other data pertinent thereto.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

December 28, 1933

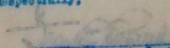
Mr. John D. Funk,
Mayer, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a small consignment with your name attached thereto weighing upon receipt here 1.24 troy ounces and have to advise that the Mint does not accept deposits of mining gold under two full troy ounces, nor can any deposits be entered for purchase which are not accompanied by a letter of advice.

If you can send the additional gold necessary to bring your deposit up to the required weight of two ounces, I shall be glad to have you do so, or if you prefer, your shipment will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

December 26, 1931

Mr. C. T. Clyde,
Assayer in Charge,
Mint of the United States,
Carson City, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th instant, please be advised that our scale repairer has not yet completed the over-hauling of the assay balance belonging to your institution and he is now at home sick. As soon as he returns he will complete his work on this balance at the earliest possible moment and it will be returned to you promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 28, 1931

Mr. Glen Gibbons,
834 Fourth Avenue,
Durango, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 23rd instant, please be advised that this institution did not coin any one-cent bronze pieces in 1923, nor does the Government ever pay a premium on any of its coins.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 29, 1931

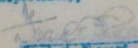
Mrs. M. L. Hensley,
3516 Windsor Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant regarding the sale of your gold watch chain, please be advised that the regulations of the Mint prohibit the acceptance of deposits of manufactured gold having a value under \$100.00 and I am therefore unable to purchase this chain.

Regretting that I cannot be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

December 29, 1931

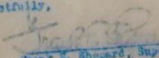
Waterways Transportation & Improvement Company,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant, please be advised that although the Mint does not keep a ledger account of deposits received, a survey of our records of recent years does not disclose that any deposits have been received from the Uncle Sam Mine of Lawrence County, South Dakota, or the Clover Leaf Mine under which name the foregoing mine has of late years been known.

This Mint does not receive deposits of ore in any form and it is likely that any bullion deposited at a Government Office went to the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:Z

December 29, 1931

Mr. Jos. A. Sloan,
Sloan & Company,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant, the following is the coinage of this institution from 1925 to date:

1925 -	Double Eagle,	Quarter Eagle,	Dime,	Nickel,	Cent
6 -	" "	Standard Silver Dollar,	Quarter Dollar,	Dime,	Nickel, Cent,
7 -	" "	Standard Silver Dollar,	Quarter Dollar,	Dime,	Nickel Cent,
8 -		Dime,	Nickel,	Cent,	
9 -		Half Dollar,	Quarter Dollar,	Dime,	Nickel,
		Cent,			
1930 -		Cent,			
1 -	" "	Dime,	Cent,		

Of the above coinage the following coins are now available:

Double Eagle of 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1931,
Silver Dollar of 1926 and 1927,
Half Dollar of 1929,
Quarter Dollar of 1926 and 1929,
Dime of 1926, 1929 and 1931,
Five-Cent Nickel of 1929,
One-Cent Bronze of 1929, 1930 and 1931 -

application for which must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., in accordance with the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure
Stamp returned herewith.

December 25, 1931

Mrs. Jessie Bartlett,
511 Atwood Avenue,
Winley, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old
coins in any manner nor pay a premium thereon and I am
therefore unable to give you any information as what
value your coins may have.

Respectfully,

Frank L. Shepard, Superintendent

OFF:

December 30, 1931

First National Bank,
Togalaw, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your shipment under date of the 20th instant, I have to advise that while neither your invoice nor the port of entry permit states the weight of the bar forwarded by you, I note that the bar is stamped 263.00 ounces and its weight as found here is 263.44 troy ounces.

Before proceeding to treat this bullion, I have to request that you will ask Mr. Hugo W. Miller if the weight as received here is satisfactory to him.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 20, 1971

Mr. H. W. Daniels,
2309 1/2 Thomas Avenue,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 28th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old
coins in any manner nor does the Government ever recall
any of its coinage and pay a premium thereon.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T

December 30, 1931

Mr. E. J. Roush,
Gillette, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old
coins in any manner nor does the Government ever recall
any of its coinage and pay a premium thereon.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

December 30, 1931

First National Bank,
Enid, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 28th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase virgin mining gold in lots as small as two full troy ounces, same to be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been produced.

Manufactured gold is not received in lots having a value under \$100.00 and a precious metal content of less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. Sub-signments in either case must be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the bullion has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

DM:T

December 30, 1921

Mr. W. C. Juelson,
Asotin, Washington,

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the wrapper but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertinent thereto which is necessary before consignment may be entered on our books for treatment.

Kindly advise me concerning this deposit at your earliest convenience, stating the source of production of this gold, and if you have any additional gold which you could add thereto, I would suggest that you forward it at the same time.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

December 30, 1931

Mr. John Bagrie,
Tyrone, New Mexico. Box 161

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 23rd instant,
I have this day returned to you by registered mail the
small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for
purchase, using the 25¢ in stamps for that purpose as
follows:

Postage	4¢
Registry fee	15¢
Stamps returned	6¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

December 11, 1921

Mr. Willie Kirkpatrick,
480 Fellsway N.,
Medford, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant, requesting that certain coins be sent to you, please be advised that new coins may now be obtained only upon application to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

The coin enclosed with your letter is returned herewith as received.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2
Enclosure

December 31, 1923

Mr. E. J. Reverts,
509 South Seventh Street
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, please
be advised that the Government never recalls or pays a
premium on any of its coinage and I therefore have no in-
formation as to a premium, if any, being paid on the
1923 penny.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:2

December 31, 1931

Miss Lillian Mayekann,
410 Vine Street,
Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant, I have to advise that the Mint has never inserted any advertisement in the Denver papers or any other papers offering to pay a premium on the 1923 penny or any other coin as the Government never recalls any of its coinage or pays a premium thereon, nor have I any knowledge as to who may pay such a premium or any premium on the 1923 penny.

The coins enclosed with your letter are returned herewith as received.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

P.S. If you have a copy of the advertisement to which you refer, I would appreciate your sending it to me.

December 31, 1931

Mr. Jay Spangler,
Canon City, Colorado. C.D.

Dear Sir:

I have the small retort forwarded by you under date of the 29th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 1.03 troy ounces and was broken to pieces when opened.

I regret to say that I am unable to purchase the gold contained in this retort as deposits of mining gold are not accepted in lots of less than two full troy ounces and it will be necessary for you to send an ounce or more of gold to be added thereto in order that your deposit will contain two ounces of gold. If you do not wish to do this, however, your material will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Please write me promptly regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

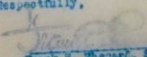
January 2, 1932

Meyer Rosenman,
501 West Houston Street,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have received a package with your name on the outside containing bullion but so far have not received from you a letter of advice relative to this shipment and as consignments are not entered on our books for treatment without such a letter, you are requested to advise me promptly concerning same.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 2, 1932

The First National Bank,
Boulder, Colorado.

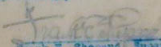
Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. Donald McInnes,
Ass't Cashier

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo, I have to advise that shipments of mining gold to the Mint should be made in lots of not less than two full troy ounces and be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the bullion has been obtained. The Mint does not purchase amalgam.

I am enclosing several copies of our form 104B for your use in making shipments to the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure
Stamped envelope returned

January 2, 1932

Mr. J. H. Boine,
676 South 17th Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 30th ultimo, I have to advise that the Mint does not have for distribution any literature relative to assaying of gold or silver.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 2, 1932

Mr. M. T. Chapman,
Holdenville, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of recent date I have to advise that deposits to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint which I believe will be of assistance to you in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:F

Enclosure

January 2, 1933

Mr. M. A. Jerrils,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
General Delivery
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 30th ultimo I have to advise that the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold, less the usual charges imposed by the Mint which consist of \$1.00 for melting deposits of 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction.

Deposits must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. Returns are usually made on the third day after receipt of the deposit and occasionally on the second day thereafter.

All consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice and be addressed to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

MS:R

January 2, 1932

Mr. E. C. Rachel,
1037 Main Street,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 22nd ultimo, I have turned over to Barlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, this city, your small consignment at this institution with the request that they make returns direct to you and you no doubt will hear from them in due course.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OS: T

January 4, 1932

Mr. Demetrio Pegilandick,
Thermal, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 1st instant and in reply regret to say that it would be impossible for me to give you any advice as to the manner of recovering the gold on your placer owing to the fact that any information given you from this distance would likely be more injurious than helpful to you.

Your deposit at this institution has been melted into a bar as indicated in my last letter to you and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance and the \$2.00 charge, it will be returned you.

I also regret to say that the Mint cannot accept your deposits unless there is a great deal more gold contained in them than proved to be the case in the present instance, nor does the Mint accept any deposits containing quicksilver.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Morgan, Superintendent

DM:7

January 4, 1932

Area Coordinator, Eighth Area,
Fort Sam Houston,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This institution is in need of five gallons of
70 grain alcohol for laboratory purposes and I have to re-
quest that you will kindly authorize the local Prohibition
Office to furnish us with this alcohol if a supply is avail-
able at this time, or as soon as it may be convenient to do
so.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 4, 1938

Mr. E. J. Conjure,
Colwick, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 2nd instant, I have to advise that instructions for application for civil service examinations may be obtained from the Secretary of the 10th United States Civil Service District, Denver, Colorado.

No vacancies exist at this institution at the present time and I do not believe there will be any in the near future.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:f

January 4, 1932

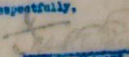
Mr. Frank E. Bocher,
Clarkston, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 31st ultimo I have to advise that mining gold which has not been manufactured or fabricated in any manner is received in lots of not less than two full troy ounces and manufactured gold in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 with a precious metal content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Answering the second paragraph of your letter as to what method the Mint would recommend for separating small amounts of gold from mercury, please be advised that it not the policy of this institution to give any advice in such matters owing to the responsibilities which the Mint would be assuming in so doing, nor has the Mint any literature pertaining to this subject which could be forwarded you for your assistance in the matter.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

CH:T

January 4, 1932

Mr. F. E. Holsten,
Alliance, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment of the 31st ultimo, which weighs upon receipt here 6.88 troy ounces, I have to advise that I am in doubt if it will have the minimum value \$100.00 which is the least amount accepted of manufactured gold.

Owing to the fact that your deposit will have to be rejected if it falls below the minimum value and such charges imposed as may be incurred up to that time, I would suggest that you send about \$15.00 more of similar material to be added to this lot to insure your consignment having the required value.

Answering your question as to the minimum amount of bullion received for purchase by the Mint, which you state you are under the impression has been reduced to \$40.00, please be advised that this has relation only to virgin placer gold and not to gold which has been manufactured or fabricated in any way.

In the meantime, I am holding your material without treatment until further advised by you.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

January 4, 1932

Mr. C. S. Hall,
Prescott, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your second shipment of gold weighing upon receipt here 1.47 troy ounces and your request that you be advised as to the weight and value of same, I regret to say that only the weight can be given you as it would be necessary to treat this second shipment separately in order to comply with your request and to do this would give it the status of a deposit. The regulations do not permit the acceptance of deposits under two full troy ounces of mining gold which precludes the compliance with your request as to the value of this second amount of gold. The weight, however, is, as above stated, 1.47 troy ounces.

I also regret that payment cannot be made you in gold coins of small denomination. One dollar gold pieces have not been coined since 1888 and the \$2.00 gold piece was discontinued about a year or more ago and none of these coins is now on hand therefore I am unable to accommodate you in this matter.

Respectfully,

W. M. Shepard, Superintendent

CHT

January 4, 1932

Dr. M. C. Pedersen,
501 North 27th Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 31st ultimo, which you state weighs approximately 8 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your deposit weighs 8.22 troy ounces but I am in doubt if it will have the minimum value of \$100.00 which is the least amount accepted of manufactured gold.

Using to the fact that your deposit will have to be rejected if it falls below the required value and such charges imposed as may be incurred up to that time, I would suggest that you send about \$10.00 more of good dental scrap to be added to this lot to insure your consignment having the required value.

In the meantime, I am holding your material without treatment until further advised by you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:R

January 6, 1932

Miss Jeanita Cavanaugh,
1416 Pennsylvania Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Miss Cavanaugh:

I have your application for a position in this institution under date of the 4th instant and regret to say that there are no vacancies at the present time and owing to the present economic conditions it is not likely the Government will increase her force in the near future. I will place your application on file, however, and desire to express my wish that you will find satisfactory employment at one of the Government Bureaus in the near future.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:3

January 5, 1932

Mr. J. D. Rink,
Box 185
Meyer, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 1st instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured mail the small
amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase,
using $5\frac{1}{2}$ of the 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ enclosed with your letter for that
purpose and returning the balance 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents herewith.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

~~Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent~~

Enclosure

January 5, 1932

Mr. C. M. Williams,
Westwater, Utah.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a small consignment weighing 2/100ths of a troy ounce and bearing your name on the wrapper but so far have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto.

Please be advised that the least amount of mining gold accepted by the Mint for purchase is two full troy ounces and your consignment cannot therefore be accepted.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your material will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:Y

January 5, 1932

Mr. Thomas J. Starr,
Box 387,
Leadville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 1st instant stating that you are forwarding two small lots of gold to this institution and requesting a statement for each lot. In reply I have to say that these consignments have been received, the one button weighing 1.11 troy ounces and the five buttons weighing 1.61 troy ounces, and as no deposits are treated separately weighing under two full troy ounces, separate returns can not be made you on these two lots.

If you wish your two lots may be combined in one deposit and return made you by check, or if this is not satisfactory to you, your material will be returned upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, or such disposition made of it as you may wish.

Please advise me promptly.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM W. BURGARD, Superintendent

OK: 8

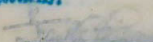
January 5, 1932

Mr. Homer J. Freese,
68 North Jackson Street,
Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 2nd instant, you are advised that the only one-cent bronze pieces manufactured by this Mint now available for distribution are of the coinage of 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932, application for which must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure
Stamp returned

January 2, 1938

Mr. Ray L. Brown,
Warland, Wyoming.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I have your letter of the 4th instant enclosing
a counterfeit one dollar piece and desire to thank you for
sending this to me and calling my attention thereto.

In accordance with the law, I will forward this
coin to the head of the local United States Secret Service
and he will in due time send you an acknowledgment of same.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM V. SHEPARD, Superintendent

WVS

January 8, 1938

Mr. Newland K. Goddard,
United States Secret Service,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Goddard:

I am enclosing letter dated the 4th instant
from Ray L. Brown, Worland, Wyoming, and the counterfeit
dollar mentioned by him.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CM:T
Enclosure

January 5, 1932

Mr. John A. DeWitt, 2
1715 West Hillsdale Street,
Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Answering your communication of the 31st ultimo, please be advised that application for new coins should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. as per the enclosed circular.

It would not be permissible for you to place a standing order for one-cent bronze pieces from year to year for the reason that the different denominations are coined by the three Mints largely in response to the need for each particular denomination within the shipping zone of each Mint and only such coins manufactured as may appear necessary. If one denomination becomes redundant at one of the Mints, its coinage is not necessarily continued at that particular Mint.

One-cent bronze pieces have been manufactured at this Mint each year since 1911, save in 1921 and 1922 and at the present time only the 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932 pieces are available for distribution upon application to the Treasurer as before stated. No coins are struck bearing dates other than the year in which they are actually minted.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure
Stamped envelope returned

January 6, 1932

Mrs. D. C. McKinmon,
Stanford, Texas.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo and in reply have to advise that none of the parties mentioned by you has forwarded any bullion to this institution, nor has any gold been received from any of the places mentioned.

Respectfully,

Frank Y. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 6, 1932

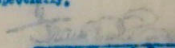
Mr. F. E. Holsten,
Alliance, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the consignment referred to in your letter of the 5th instant, please be advised that upon receipt here your material weighs 1.77 troy ounces instead of "little over 2 ounces" as stated by you.

I have added this lot to the amount I have been holding and you now have a total weight of 8.65 troy ounces, but before proceeding to treat this deposit I have to request that you advise me if the weight of the last shipment as found here is satisfactory to you before your material is melted.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

January 6, 1936

Mr. Bernard Dettling,
608 Maple Avenue,
Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of the 3rd instant for certain coins manufactured by this Mint, please be advised that application for new coins should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as per instructions in the enclosed circular. Upon receipt of authority from the Treasurer, I shall be pleased to send you the desired coins.

The two dimes enclosed with your letter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures

January 6, 1932

Mrs. I. R. Entwistle,
804 Laporte Avenue,
Fort Collins, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins
in any manner nor can I furnish you with any information
pertaining to coin collectors.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 6, 1932

Mr. Victor Fiedalus,
Atwood, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing sand or rock, but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

Referring to your inquiry as to cost of assay for platinum, I have no information on this subject and would suggest that you correspond with the above named office for the desired information.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 5, 1932

Mr. C. T. Goodrich,
618 North Main Street,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a consignment bearing your name by the wrapper consisting of two lots weighing 6.34 and 6.96 troy ounces, respectively, but to date have not received a letter of advice from you pertaining to this shipment. As such letter is necessary before deposit may be entered on our books for treatment, I have to request that you will write me promptly concerning this material.

Respectfully,

Wm. E. Shepard, Superintendent

January 6, 1922

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have this day forwarded you by
insured parcel post the PEI coins of this in-
stitution for the quarter ended December 31st,
1921.

<u>Pieces</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Value</u>
200	Fine	\$20.00

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 7, 1922

Mr. Samuel Gordon,
209 Majestic Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 5th instant, weighing upon receipt here 48.28 troy ounces, I have to advise that as 38.28 troy ounces of this total consists of filled ware which contains very little gold, your consignment will undoubtedly fall below the minimum accepted in deposits, no consignment being received having less than one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals.

In order to render your consignment acceptable for purchase, it will be necessary for you to send not less than 10 ounces of high-grade silver to reduce its high base metal content and I am therefore holding your shipment without treatment until further advised by you in the matter.

I would also suggest in future shipments you remove all pieces of iron or other metal of a similar nature before forwarding your material to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

January 7, 1932

Mr. W. O. Spyster,
Twin Falls, Idaho, Box 69

Dear Sir:

Referring to your shipment of recent date, I have to advise that your three retorts have a gross weight of 1.96 troy ounces and the regulations do not permit the acceptance of any deposit having a weight less than two full troy ounces, under which conditions it will be necessary for you to send some additional gold to be added to this lot before same may be accepted for purchase. If this is not convenient, your gold will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, and please be advised that all future shipments should be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Assistant

OK:7

January 7, 1922

Mrs. M. L. Youmans,
New Castle, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins
in any manner and I regret that I am unable to give you
any information regarding the alleged coin described in
your letter. In my opinion this is a token rather than
a coin.

Respectfully,


Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

QW:T

January 8, 1932

Mr. Jos. A. Sloan,
Sloan & Company,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 5th instant (without address), I am enclosing herewith table showing the denomination of all coins and the number of pieces struck of each at this institution for the period 1925 to 1931, both inclusive.

Trusting this table will give you the desired information, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2
Enclosure

January 8, 1932

Mr. John Newborter,
204 South 1st,
Raton, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 5th instant and would be very glad indeed to send you the information requested by you but the Mint does not deal in platinum, rubies, diamonds, or in fact any crystallizations in any way, nor publish any literature for distribution relative to the mining of such articles.

The Mint do not make assays of ores but reliable assays can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples. I have no information as to what charges are made by that office for platinum determinations and would suggest that you write and make inquiry regarding such charges.

Answering your question as to whether the Mint will accept \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50 gold pieces of early date, I have to say that all gold coins regardless of date are accepted at their face value if they have full standard weight. That is, the weight at which they left the Mint. The United States Mint has never coined \$50 gold pieces.

Regarding the recovery of buried treasure, so far as I am

Mr. McWhorter - R

where, the Government does not impose any tax or charge in such cases.

Regretting that I cannot be of some assistance to you and trusting that you will be able to find the information you desire, I am

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamped envelope returned

January 8, 1932

Mr. C. J. Houghway,
P. O. Box 415,
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th instant and regret to say your remittance was received here at noon on the 2nd instant (a half holiday) and was not mailed until the 5th instant owing to the large number of deposits which accumulated during the holidays.

Check in payment for your deposit was mailed you on the 7th instant and I trust it will reach you well in advance of this letter.

Regretting the delay and trusting that it has not seriously inconvenienced you, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

January 6, 1936

Porter & Wiber Jewelry Company,
1113 Walnut Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I have a consignment with you name on the inside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice covering this shipment and the regulations prohibit the treatment of any deposits unless accompanied by a letter of advice. The early receipt from you of such a letter will be appreciated.

I may add that your accompanying slip gives your name and street address, no city being mentioned.

Respectfully,

Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:F

January 8, 1932

Mr. Raymond C. Stacy,
C/o Registry Department,
Hartford Post Office,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th instant and I regret that it is not possible to send you a one-cent bronze piece of the coinage of 1914, our entire stock of these coins having long since been entirely exhausted.

As a general rule, our supply of one-cent bronze pieces is distributed soon after the close of the calendar year in which they are struck.

I am unable to suggest where you may now be able to obtain one of these pieces you desire.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:2

January 8, 1932

Mr. S. Nelson,
Blackburn Building,
7th & Polk Streets,
Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto.

The regulations of the Mint prohibit the acceptance and treatment of any deposits unless they are accompanied by a letter of advice and the early receipt of such a letter from you will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 6, 1932

Mr. Harry W. Stout,
Owatonna, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 6th instant, I have to say that a deposit consisting of 90 ounces of filled gold, 15 ounces of 20-karat dental gold and 10 ounces of 10-karat gold would not be acceptable at the Mint owing to the large amount of base metal contained in the filled gold and the additional quantity contained in the 20 and 10-karat gold. To render such a consignment acceptable, it would be necessary to include not less than 15 ounces of sterling or high-grade silver to offset the base metal therein.

Answering your question as to the number of ounces of filled gold allowed to one ounce of 20-karat dental gold, I would say that 3 ounces of filled ware to one ounce of 20-karat gold would be just about sufficient. Or if you could add one ounce of silver to four ounces of filled ware, the proportions of the pure metals to the base metals would be acceptable, but in all cases deposits must have at least \$100.00 in value, a requirement in addition to the proper proportions of the precious metals required.

If you could make up your deposits to contain at least

Mr. Stout - 2

one-fifth of their weight in pure gold and silver and have a minimum value of \$100.00, they would be acceptable at the Denver Mint, the New York Assay Office or, in fact, any of the Mints.

It is not necessary that the 20-marat and filled gold be melted either separately or in separate bars, simply send such material in the form in which you obtain it as it would be melted all together here at the Mint and determination made as to the precious metal contained in the mass.

If this is not clear to you, please write me again and I will endeavor to make the matter as clear to you as I can.

Respectfully,

JOHN A. HUGHES, Superintendent

JAH

January 9, 1932

Mr. J. M. Yoder,
Shawnee, Oklahoma, 203½ East Main Street.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the \$5.00 in currency enclosed with your letter of the 7th instant and have to advise that this institution is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing specimens. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, cash or money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the three sacks of ore you state you are forwarding here, please send the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

January 9, 1932

Miss Grace Stevenson,
629 Dodge Street,
Salida, Colorado.

Dear Miss Stevenson:

Answering your note of the 7th instant, I
have to state that the Mint does not purchase tin foil.

The stamped envelope enclosed with your letter
is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:f
Enclosure

January 3, 1902

Mrs. Edward Krieg,
Koenigsburg, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of the 25th ultimo received this morning, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner, nor does the Government ever recall or pay a premium on any of its coins.

I regret that I am unable to give you any information as to where you might dispose of your Indian head pennies.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 9, 1932

Mr. Albert E. Hill,
Cody, Wyoming,

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant, I have to advise that virgin gold is now accepted in minimum lots of two full troy ounces instead of requiring that deposits shall contain a value of not less than \$100.00 as formerly. It will therefore be impossible for me to accept the one-half ounces you are forwarding here. If you cannot supplement this with the additional material required, it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

January 11, 1932

Mr. Domenic Poglianick,
Thermon, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3th instant enclosing money order for \$2.00 to cover change of \$2.00 for melting your material and 50¢ postage for the return of your bar.

I have returned your bar to you by 3rd class parcel post, insured, at a cost of 2¢ and an enclosing 4¢ in two-cent stamps to balance the account.

Regretting that I was not able to purchase your material, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure

January 11, 1932

Mr. Joseph Rodgers,
1739 Lincoln Terrace,
Peekskill, New York.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 20th ultimo, I have to advise that this Institution has not yet received the dies for the coinage of the George Washington commemorative quarter dollar and I do not anticipate that any of these coins will be issued by this Institution before spring - the design not yet having been approved by the Treasury Department.

The Mint does not manufacture proof coins but uncirculated pieces will be furnished you when these coins are available upon application to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as outlined in the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:K
Enclosure

January 11, 1920

Miss Juanita Bailey,
Cascade Hotel, Room 7,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Miss Bailey:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old
coins in any manner and the Government has no literature
on this subject for distribution.

Regretting that I cannot be of assistance to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

AMT
If they returned.

January 11, 1922

Mr. Joseph A. Greene,
803 Realty Building,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant, please be advised that this institution will purchase gold scrap and gold filled ware when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the deposit will have a minimum content of pure gold and silver equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the material.

If your material has a pure gold value of \$100.00 but a base metal content in excess of four-fifths of its weight, I would suggest that you add sufficient high-grade silver to increase its precious metal content to comply with the foregoing requirement.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces or fraction thereof and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction; also a small refining charge which is based upon the amount of base metal in the material after it has been melted into a bar, this charge varying with the amount of base metal contained.

The Government does not publish any literature on this subject but I am enclosing a circular which no doubt will be of

assistance to you and if any additional information is needed,
it will be gladly supplied you.

You will note that each consignment must be accompanied
by a letter of advice in order to be acceptable for treatment
and all transportation charges must be prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:f
Enclosure

January 11, 1933

Mr. D. E. Decker,
717 Main Street,
Evansville, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your shipment No. 92 under date of the 6th instant which you state weighs about 11690 grains, please be advised that upon receipt here your material weighs 22.45 troy ounces instead of 24.36 troy ounces which it should weigh according to the weight stated by you.

As this discrepancy amounts to practically two ounces, I have to request that you will advise me promptly if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you before proceeding to treat this material.

Respectfully,


Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

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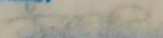
January 11, 1922

Mr. A. M. House,
Taylor, Texas.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your shipment under date of the 9th instant weighing upon receipt here 19.99 troy ounces, I have to advise that the Mint does not purchase platinum nor make any allowance therefor and since you state your material contains a small amount of that metal, I am holding same without treatment until advised by you if you are willing to waive whatever value in platinum your deposit may contain, or if you desire its return to you. In the latter event please send the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHAT

January 11, 1932

Mr. F. E. Holsten,
Alliance, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment at this institution consisting of two lots having a total weight of 8.66 troy ounces, I regret to say that after melting and treating your deposit, its value has been found to be considerably below the minimum received for purchase, its value being approximately \$75.00, and under the regulations it is necessary that you pay the charges incurred up to the time of its rejection amounting to \$1.00 which you will please forward to me by money order at your earliest convenience and advise what disposition you desire made of your bar.

If you wish to resubmit this bar as a deposit, this may be done upon receipt of the necessary additional material and the foregoing charges.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

January 12, 1932

Hon. Stewart Campbell,
State Inspector of Mines,
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of the 8th instant, you will find below a complete list of all deposits received from the State of Idaho during the calendar year, 1931:

<u>Shipper</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Pine Co.-Ac.</u>	<u>Pine Co.-Ac.</u>
Long Pine Mine	Golden	27.843	11.36
"	"	32.842	14.22
"	"	44.644	19.61
"	"	22.222	12.57
"	"	24.542	14.70
"	"	20.912	21.42
"	"	19.722	7.45
"	"	3.847	2.07
Orison & Nichols	Salt Lake City (229 S. W. Temple)		White Bird & Salmon Placers
Long Pine Mine	Golden	22.912	11.33
Chas. A. Norton	Salmon	3.717	.21 Moose Creek Placer
E. E. Edwards	"	3.573	.71 Lemhi Placer
J. W. Friend	Denver, Colo.	2.120	.27 Rough Creek Placer
W. A. McLean	Lava Hot Spgs.	2.124	1.11 Lark Mine
Wm. Anderson	Lorenso	1.401	.10 Snake River Placer
Long Pine Mine	Golden	24.222	14.02
"	"	41.224	16.39
"	"	3.022	.12 Lemhi Placer
E. E. Edwards	Salmon	12.222	1.77 Maguire, Sal. Riv. Sluice
1st Nat'l Bank	Lewiston	4.922	.27 Big Jarcano Creek
Frank A. Butschler	Leesburg	2.022	.25 Rough Creek Placer
Mrs. J. W. Friend	Denver, Colo.	1.222	.23 Placer near Whitebird
E. C. DeWitt	White Bird	2.222	.42 Snake River
E. P. Kline	Asotin, Wash.		
Arvel C. Olson &		1.112	.22
Warren P. Lehman	Saker	1.222	.12 Sandy Bar
W. O. Synyster	Twain Falls	2.222	.20 Rough Creek Placer
Mrs. J. W. Friend	Denver, Colo.		

Lone Flag Mine	Golden	40.647	18.27
"	"	38.920	15.12
"	"	28.160	11.70
V.O. Syster	Twin Falls	1.638	.09 Sandy Bar
Reginauld Meller	Murray	2.670	.64
J. W. Eaton	Filer	2.740	.18 Snake River
P. P. Kluge	Austin, Wash.	3.092	.66 " "
E. G. Cross	Shoup	2.819	.49 " "

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 12, 1933

El Paso National Bank,
Collection Department,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your shipment under date of the 8th instant No. 10688 purporting to be bar of gold and silver bullion deposited with you by the Popular Dry Goods Company in your city, please be advised that a preliminary test of this bar indicates that it does not contain any gold or silver and it is not therefore acceptable as a deposit at this institution. Please advise us promptly what disposition you desire made of this bar.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GB/T

January 12, 1932

Mr. R. De Haay,
Collins, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 7th instant and in reply have to advise that your watch case and works were received here in due course but owing to the fact that such material must have a minimum value of \$100.00 to be acceptable for purchase, I am unable to enter your watch case for treatment and purchase, and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance it will be returned to you.

You will understand, of course, that in such cases only the value of the gold in such assignments is taken into consideration and that the works have no value as a deposit and should have been removed before forwarding to the Mint.

Respectfully

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 12, 1932

Mr. John F. Yanek,
Box 642,
Sterling, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 11th instant enclosing 26¢ in postage with a request for one of the new quarter dollars to be coined by the Mint and have to advise that this coinage will not likely be undertaken for several months at which time I would suggest that you renew your application to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., through whom all requests for new coinage should be made as outlined in the enclosed circular.

Your application should be accompanied by sufficient cash or postage to cover the face value of the coins desired and the necessary postage for transmittal to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T
26¢ postage returned

January 12, 1932

Mr. U. S. Mitchell,
Pamona, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 11th instant, please be advised that this institution will purchase gold and silver scrap when sent in lots having a value of not less than \$100.00 and a pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Shipments should be address to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, and in all cases be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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January 12, 1932

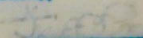
Mr. C. H. Williams,
Westwater, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request noted on my letter to you of the 5th instant. I have this day returned to you by insured mail ~~an~~ small amount of gold forwarded by you to the Mint for purchase, using 6¢ of the 17¢ in postage enclosed by you for that purpose and returning herewith 10¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I was unable to be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

January 12, 1932

Mr. E. D. Kinsley,
329 East Virginia Avenue,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 9th instant, please be advised that the contents of the bottle appear to be pyrites of iron and therefore without any value and not acceptable as a deposit at the Mint. The little package placed by you in the top of the bottle contains $7/100$ ths of a troy ounce of gold grains but as such material is not accepted in lots having a weight under two full troy ounces, I regret that this small amount of gold cannot be purchased by the Mint.

If you can send approximately two ounces more of gold grains to be added to this small quantity, I should be glad to have you do so, otherwise please send the necessary postage and your bottle and gold grains will be returned to you.

In order to have separate returns on different lots, it is necessary that each lot shall have a weight of not less than two full troy ounces.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

January 12, 1922

Vacuvius Crucible Company,
Swissvale, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

An acknowledgment of the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo has been delayed pending the receipt of returns from all invitations forwarded for bids on graphite goods needed at this institution and referred to in your letter. Below you will find a synopsis of all bids received on said articles:

	<u>24 No. 250</u>	<u>100 No. 50</u>	<u>100 No. 80</u>	<u>500 Spl.</u>
	<u>Spl. Covers</u>	<u>Spl. Covers</u>	<u>Spl. Covers</u>	<u>" Spl.</u>
* Bartley Crucible & Refractories Co., .	\$120.00	\$125.00	\$ 75.00	\$120.00
** Chicago-Magnetech Crucible Co.	120.00	105.00	60.00	125.00
* Joseph Nixon Crucible Co.	120.00	120.00	75.00	125.00
* Ross-Towney Crucible Co.	120.00	125.00	75.00	125.00
* Vacuvius Crucible Co.	120.00	125.00	75.00	125.00

1% Discount on each proposal

* P.O.B. Denver, Colorado

** P.O.B. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Owing to the fact that the Chicago-Magnetech Crucible Company agreed to deliver each item at the Mint building free of all transportation costs, it is the lowest bidder on each item and I have therefore recommended to the

Director of the Mint that its proposal be accepted.

I regret that we could not award a part of this order to you but you no doubt realize that it is necessary that the lowest bid be accepted in all cases. Thanking you for submitting a bid, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

PHAT

January 12, 1932

Mr. W. A. Roberts, Jr.,
1801 Hubbard Street,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant you are advised that this institution will purchase old jewelry and plated ware when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and for silver the New York market price, less the fraction, which prevails on the day prior to the receipt of the deposit. Deducting therefrom a charge of \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces or fraction and 15¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction, plus a small treatment charge.

I am enclosing a circular which will probably be of some assistance to you in making your consignments to the Mint and you will please note that each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice. The Mint does not make any suggestions as to what depositors should pay in purchasing their material from other parties.

Respectfully,

Wash. F. Shepard, Superintendent

WAS
Enclosure.

January 12, 1922

Mr. Thomas A. Gelfert,
Wicks, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date and regret that I cannot be of assistance to you in disposing of the silver pitcher and cup in your possession but the Mint is not in the market for the purchase of silver at the present time nor could such material be purchased at any time in amounts of less than \$100.00 which value, of course, your silver would not possess.

Regretting my inability to help you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Acting Superintendent

EN:T

January 19, 1933

Mr. Howard E. Vickery,
1038 + 8th Street,
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 11th instant enclosing a clipping relative to the high-grade ore stolen from the Gladys Mine, and have to advise that while the Mint does not buy high-grade ore, no one up to the present time has offered for sale at the Mint any material which would appear to have any connection with the ore stolen from you.

If you have reason to suspect any one working at the mine or who has entered it and stolen this ore and will give me their name or names, the matter will be held confidential and you will be advised should they present same for sale here. I do not know of any other way in which I can be of assistance to you in the matter but I trust you may be successful in apprehending the guilty party.

As requested duplicate returns will be made you on the consignment forwarded by you under separate cover.

Respectfully,

Frank C. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Acting Superintendent

CHS

January 12, 1932

Mr. Johnny Armstrong.
General Delivery.
Mistfield, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the mineral forwarded here with your letter of the 28th instant, please be advised that while the Mint does not make assays of such material, it appears to be iron pyrites and therefore of no value.

Please advise me promptly if you wish the return of this material and if so forward the necessary postage and insurance, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

GE:T

January 12, 1932

Mr. W. H. Nollenbeck,
Fort Garland, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the mineral forwarded here by you, please be advised that while the Mint does not make assays of such material, it appears to be iron pyrites and therefore of no value.

Please advise me promptly if you desire the return of this material and if so forward the necessary postage and insurance, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

~~Acting Superintendent~~

CHT

January 12, 1932

Mr. Jay Spangler,
General Delivery,
Canon City, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your deposit at this institution, consisting of two lots having a total weight of 8.88 troy ounces before melting, I have to advise that after melting and assaying this material its value has been found to be a trifle under \$5.00 which is too small for acceptance by the Mint, and it will be necessary for you to send an \$1.00 by money order to cover the treatment charge incurred up to this time.

If you can send enough material to add to these two lots to bring the value of the total up to at least \$10.00, I will be glad to have you do so, otherwise it will be necessary to return your bullion to you and if you desire this done, please send the necessary postage. In any event, it will be necessary for you to send the treatment charge above referred to before any further action may be taken. Please advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:9

January 17, 1932

Howard. Brodkey & Goodale,
400 Fourth, Corner Douglas Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase gold filled watch cases when accompanied by sufficient good gold and high-grade silver to give the material a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

As you no doubt are aware, gold filled ware contains very little gold and a large amount of base metal, the proportion of the latter being too high for acceptance of such deposits unless there is enough good silver to reduce the base metal content to the proportion above stated.

I am enclosing a circular which will probably be of some assistance to you in preparing your deposits for shipment to the Mint and please note that each deposit must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T
Enclosure

January 18, 1908

Mr. Harold Chap Goodrich,
98 Barker Street,
Hartford, Connecticut.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request for certain coins of this institution, please be advised that all applications for new coins must be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. in accordance with instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Upon receipt of approval from the Treasurer, I shall take pleasure in sending you the desired coins.

The \$4 in stamps and the stamped envelope enclosed with your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:Z
Enclosures

January 13, 1908

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Dear Mr. Clyde:

I am returning to you this day by Railway Express Agency the assay balance recently furnished by you to this institution for repairs. I have included with the balance a set of small weights.

Upon receipt of this balance, please return on Government bill of lading the balance recently furnished you for your use while your balance was being repaired.

Bill of lading No. T-43004 covering this shipment is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

January 17, 1922

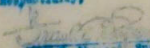
Mr. C. T. Goodrich,
615 North Main Street,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 12th instant in which you refer to the charges imposed on your recent consignment to this institution, please be advised that a melting charge and also a treatment charge are imposed on all deposits regardless of the value.

No deposits of manufactured wares are accepted having a value under \$100.00, but whatever the value of the deposit the customary charges are imposed.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

January 13, 1922

Mr. William S. Cogges, Jr.,
P.O. Box 115,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 12th instant,
please be advised that the Mints do not sell silver in any
quantity unless specially authorized to do so by the Di-
rector of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent.

CH:7

January 14, 1932

Mr. M. E. Hayes
Hill City, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 12th instant and under separate cover your consignment of two small lots weighing, respectively, 3.29 and 1.22 troy ounces, and note that you desire separate returns on these lots. I am unable to comply with your request owing to the fact that it is necessary that each lot have a weight of at least two full troy ounces in order to make separate returns thereon. To comply with your request therefore it will be necessary for you to send enough gold to be added to lot No. 2 in order that it may be entered as a separate deposit.

Please advise us promptly concerning your wishes in the matter,

Respectfully,


Frank M. Hayes, Treasurer

OK, T

January 14, 1932

Mr. Felix S. Murphy,
Moen, Utah.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a small consignment from you consisting of three lots weighing, respectively, 1.05, .69 and .30 troy ounces, a total weight of 2.05 troy ounces but I cannot proceed to treat this material until a letter of advice concerning same has been received from you.

Please advise me promptly regarding this gold and the source of its production.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EN:7

January 14, 1933

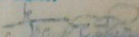
Mr. James C. Moore,
809 Wiley Street,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the material forwarded with your letter of the 11th instant, I have to advise that while the Mint does not make assays of mineral bearing specimens, the material forwarded by you appears to be iron pyrites and of no value.

If you desire the return of this material, please send us the necessary postage and insurance promptly, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Wood, Superintendent

CH:2

H January 14, 1931.

Mr. William Cabell,
511 Eighteenth Street,
Union City, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 9th instant, you are advised that during the calendar year 1931 this institution manufactured the Double Eagle, Blue and One-cent bronze pieces, all of which are now available upon application to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., as outlined in the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,

FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

CR:F
Stamped envelope returned

January 14, 1932

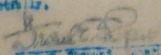
Mr. Ben Bunker,
Delta, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter and consignment under date of the 11th instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 2.31 troy ounces, I regret to say that owing to the large amount of black sand and amalgam contained therein, it appears doubtful if your material will have in excess of one ounce of gold and under these conditions it will be necessary for you to send some additional gold to be added thereto as the minimum received for purchase is two full troy ounces of gold.

I am very sorry to have to delay this matter as I understand you are in need of the return, but as today's stated the regulations require a minimum of two ounces in order that deposits may be acceptable for purchase. Please advise us promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank F. Shepard, General Manager

CH:T

January 14, 1932

Mr. Albert M. Hill,
Cody, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I have received a small package, containing 87/100ths of a troy ounce of amalgam grains, bearing your name but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning this consignment which is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for payment.

In view of the fact that the Mint does not accept less than two ounces of gold, your consignment is considerably below the minimum requirement and it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance unless you are able to send enough more to give your deposit a gold content of at least two full troy ounces.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 14, 1938

J. L. Jacobsen Company,
626 World-Renaissance Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 11th instant weighing upon receipt here 8.54 troy ounces, you are advised that after melting and assaying this material its value has been found to be considerably below the minimum received for purchase. Your bar has accordingly been rejected and our charges amounting to \$1.00 imposed thereon which you will please send us by money order at your earliest convenience.

In order to resender this material as a deposit, it will be necessary for you to send at least \$20.00 in gold to bring its value up to the required amount. Before any further action may be taken, however, the above charges must be paid and I have to request that you will advise me promptly concerning your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, ~~President~~

G. E. / T

January 14, 1932

Mr. William B. Collins,
261 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of recent date requesting certain coins manufactured by this institution, please be advised that all applications for new coins must be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

For ~~your~~ information, I may add that our stock of one-cent bronze pieces of 1906 coinage has long since been exhausted, but we have ~~had~~ available for distribution one-cent bronze pieces of the coinage of 1922, 1923 and 1924, which I shall take pleasure in sending you upon receipt of instructions from the Treasurer.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:E
10/ in stamps returned herewith

January 15, 1932

Mr. E. V. Lorig,
2418 N Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 14th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 32.43 troy ounces, I have to advise that owing to the large amount of filled ware included therein, it is very probable its base metal content will exceed the maximum amount permitted and I would suggest that you send at least five ounces of high grade silver in order that the precious metal content will not fall below the said amount deposits may contain in order to be acceptable.

I am holding your consignment without treatment until advised by you regarding your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OU:T

JANUARY 18, 1932

Mr. A. R. Jones,
Vice-President,
Union Gold Mining Company,
Springville, Utah.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant requesting me to deliver to Mr. Elias E. Woodruff of this city duplicate copies of Mint settlements on shipments made by your company and Lewis Flader during November and December, 1930.

Mr. Woodruff called at my office yesterday and I advised him that our records did not show that any deposits had been received from the Union Gold Mining Company and Lewis Flader during each period, although one consignment had been received on September 22nd and on October 7th and 30th, respectively. We suggested that I send you some reports on these three deposits and you will find them herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ONE
Enclosure

January 15, 1932

Mr. Ramon Aguirre,
Hatch, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a small consignment bearing your name on the outside concerning which I have not yet received a letter.

An examination of the metal enclosed in this package indicates that it is brass and therefore not acceptable as a deposit at the Mint.

If you wish this piece of metal returned to you, please send me the necessary postage and insurance promptly, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

January 18, 1933

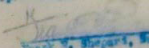
Mrs. Richard Rollins,
216 West Main Street,
Horton, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 13th instant forwarding under separate cover a small amount of gold weighing upon receipt here 25/100 of a troy ounce and regret to advise that the Mint cannot purchase this metal as two full troy ounces is the very minimum the regulations will permit us to accept as a deposit.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

January 15, 1922

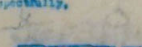
Mr. W. E. Adams,
Red Star, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the piece of rock forwarded by you to this institution with your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the "U.S. Mtn Office", please be advised that the Mint does not make assays of mineral bearing specimens but it does not appear that this rock contains any gold. The red specks which you notice are pyrites of iron.

If you desire the return of your sample, please forward the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Sherman, Superintendent

CH:T

January 16, 1932

The First National Bank,
Mr. Frank C. Chaplin, Vice-President
Enid, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 14th instant and in reply beg to advise that in view of the statement contained in your letter, it will only be necessary to state whether the gold you wish to sell was produced in New Mexico or old Mexico and if you cannot do this, please state to which country, in your opinion, the gold should be rightfully credited.

As stated in my previous letter, virgin gold is accepted in lots as small as two troy ounces but if it is manufactured or fabricated gold, it is necessary that the consignment have a value of at least \$100.00 and a precious metal content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. If your gold complies with these conditions, I shall be glad to have you forward it here for purchase.

Respectfully,

Frank C. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

January 16, 1932

L. J. Kaas & Son,
436 Paxton Block,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 15th instant advising that you desire check in payment of your recent deposit in lieu of the fine gold paid you and have to advise that in order to pay you by check it will be necessary to re-deposit the fine gold paid you when it has been received here. The charges on the transaction will amount to a trifle over \$1.00. You will note that the value of the fine gold was \$125.61 and \$3.43 was remitted you in cash.

If you do not want to go to the expense of making a re-deposit of your fine gold in order to obtain my check and wish the gold returned you, please wire me upon receipt of this letter, otherwise I will proceed to reenter your gold as a deposit and send you check in payment.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T

January 16, 1932

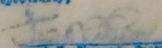
Mr. J. Bloom,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant and under separate cover your consignment, weighing upon receipt here 38.40 troy ounces, and have to advise that inasmuch as 28.98 ounces of this material consist of filled ware, it will be necessary for you to send at least five ounces or more of sterling silver to be added thereto in order that your deposit will contain at least ~~one~~^{one-fifth} of its weight in pure gold and silver - no deposits being accepted for purchase in which the precious metal content is less than one-fifth of its weight.

I am holding your consignment without treatment until advised by you regarding this additional metal and have also to request that you will supply a more complete address than simply El Paso.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

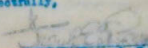
January 16, 1922

Mr. Albert W. Hill,
Cody, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your implied request by the return of my letter to you of the 9th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded to this Mint for purchase, using 9½¢ of the 31¢ in postage which you enclosed for that purpose and returning herewith 14½¢ in stamps to balance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

January 16, 1932

Mr. Frank Yearsley,
C/o Mr. D. J. Moegart,
Rupert, Idaho. R.P.D. No. 1

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 15th instant, I have to advise that if your gold has been thoroughly re-torted and practically all of the mercury driven off, it will be acceptable as a deposit at this institution, provided it is virgin gold and has a minimum weight of two full troy ounces.

Gold is paid for at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold, less the customary charges pertaining to deposits. Payment is usually made on the second or third day after deposits are received.

The address of the Colorado School of Mines is Golden, Colorado.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

January 16, 1932

A. Quint & Company,
5 North Dearborn Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant, please be advised that the platinum sponge recovered in our refinery in this institution is forwarded to the United States Assay Office, New York City, in accordance with instructions from the Director of the mint and it is my understanding that that office occasionally offers that metal for sale to the public. I would suggest that you communicate with that office for further information.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 18, 1932

Mr. Noah Clark,
Marshfield, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant and in reply have to advise that it would be just about impossible to describe a gold nugget to you in such a way that you might be able to discriminate between gold and other minerals which sometimes have a very strong resemblance to that metal.

The Mint does not make assays of mineral bearing specimens nor does it distribute any literature pertaining to mining.

I would suggest that if you have any ores which you believe are gold bearing you consult some assayer in your vicinity or send samples to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where determinations of gold and silver will be made for you at a cost of \$1.00 each - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

~~Wm. E. Woodard, Representative~~

CH:3

January 18, 1932

Mr. A. E. Willard,
95-18 — 134th Street,
Richmond Hill, Long Island,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of the 14th instant for certain coins of this Mint, please be advised that only the one-cent bronze piece and the dime of the coins desired by you were coined at this institution during the calendar year of 1931 and under present regulations all applications for new coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Upon receipt of approval from the Treasurer, I will take pleasure in sending you the desired coins.

Your money order No. 983915 is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

FW:T
Enclosure

January 16, 1932

Mr. J. Eugene Ryerson,
177 Lenox Road,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of the 13th instant for
new specimens of the 1931 Lincoln cent, please be advised
that I should be very glad to send these coins to you direct
but the procedure now is that applications for new coins
must be sent to the Treasurer of the United States at Wash-
ington, D. C., in accordance with the enclosed circular.

Upon receipt of approval from the Treasurer, the
desired coins will be sent to you promptly.

Your stamped envelope and the 12¢ in postage en-
closed with your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Sharpard, Superintendent

OH:2
Enclosures

January 18, 1922

Mrs. A. Sarah Isenberg,
1137 - 32nd Avenue,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old
coins in any manner nor have I any information as to
what premiums may be paid by private coin collectors
on the coins mentioned by you.

Regretting that I am unable to be of assist-
ance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 18, 1932

Citizens State Bank,
Mr. C.C. Cooper, President,
Hamilton, Montana.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 14th instant,
I have this day returned to you by express, charges collect,
the small amount of gold belonging to one of your customers
and forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase.

Regretting that the Mint was unable to assist
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

FRANK M. SHAPARD, Superintendent

CH:T

January 15, 1922

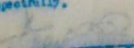
Mrs. Richard Bellino,
316 West Main Street,
Norton, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Complying with your request noted on my letter to you of the 15th instant, I have today returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using $6\frac{1}{2}$ cents of the $6\frac{1}{2}$ received from you for that purpose and returning $1\frac{1}{2}$ herewith to balance.

Regretting that the Mint was unable to assist you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

January 18, 1934

Mountain Plains Companies, Inc.,
Mr. W. B. Ray, Secretary,
Boulder, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your small consignment under date of the 15th instant for which you desire settlement made in the name of the Mountain Plains Companies, Inc., C.P. Pearson lease, please be advised that upon receipt here this material weighs 1.82 Troy ounces and cannot be entered for treatment as two full Troy ounces is the very least accepted for purchase.

If you can supplement this shipment with enough additional gold to bring your deposit up to the required weight, I shall be glad to have you do so and have to request that you will advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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January 18, 1932

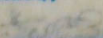
El Paso National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 15th instant, I have today returned to you by express, charges collect, the shipment purporting to be a bar of gold and silver forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase.

In regard to your request for the Mint's assay on this bar, I have to advise that a complete assay was not made and could only be furnished upon the payment of \$4.00. It would also be necessary to retain the bar in order to drill it for the necessary samples.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

January 18, 1932

Mr. M. E. Hayes,
Hill City, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request noted on my letter to you of the 14th instant, I have today returned to you by insured mail your small consignment No. 2 forwarded to this Mint for purchase, using the 25¢ in postage received from you as follows:

Postage	5¢
Insurance	8¢
Stamps returned	14¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

January 19, 1972

Mr. John Hix,
6014 Iris Circle,
Hollywood, California.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant I have to advise that during the calendar year 1970 there were manufactured at the Mints of the United States 221,801,000 one-cent bronze pieces (pennies) which coinage was divided between the three Mints as follows:

Philadelphia	127,615,000
San Francisco	24,286,000
Denver	69,900,000

During the calendar year 1971 the Mint at Denver manufactured 4,480,000 one-cent bronze pieces. The number of pieces coined at San Francisco and Philadelphia is not yet available for 1971, but this information will be supplied you upon inquiry to the Director of the Mint at Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

January 19, 1932

Mr. W. E. Roper,
Milledgeville, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment of yellow sand, weighing upon receipt here 2.17 troy ounces, and have to advise that an examination of this material discloses that it does not contain any value in gold or silver and is therefore not suitable for purchase by the Mint.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance this sand will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 13, 1932

Mrs. M. Mink,
200 South Main Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your label on the outside and have to advise that in order that deposits may be entered upon our books for treatment it is necessary that a letter of advice be received before any action may be taken.

I have examined your material and find that its weight as received here is 27.39 troy ounces but owing to the fact that 39.68 troy ounces of this consist of silver and filled ware, it does not appear likely that the maximum amount of the precious metals contained in the lot will be sufficient to meet the requirements of the Mint - it being necessary that at least 500 assay parts out of a possible 1000 consist of gold and silver. When deposits are found after treatment not to meet this requirement, the regulations require their rejection and the imposition of such charges as have been incurred up to that time. I would therefore suggest that you send at least five ounces of high-grade silver to be added to your consignment to effect the necessary proportion of base metals.

It is also necessary that such material have a value of at least \$100.00, which it appears your material may contain.

I am enclosing a circular which will be of assistance to you in preparing your shipments for the Mint in which you will find suggestions that will enable you to comply with the foregoing conditions and from which you will also note that a letter of advice must accompany each and every consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:7

Enclosure

January 10, 1932

Michael G. M. Vega,
Tomball, New Mexico.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 16th instant and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your two lots, consisting of one little bottle of gold dust and black sand, weighing 62/100 the of a tray ounce, and a sack of sand in which there appears to be no gold or silver and weighing 12.38 tray ounces, will be returned to you - the Mint having no fund to meet such expense.

If you desire to send 2 ounces of dust similar to that contained in the little bottle for addition thereto, this will be purchased, but this additional gold is necessary before I can enter for treatment the dust contained in the small bottle.

The sand contained in the sack, however, will be returned upon receipt of the necessary postage as it is entirely unsuitable for acceptance by the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank J. Shepard, Superintendent

By

ESTATE SUPERINTENDENT

January 19, 1932

A. F. Jensen Company,
First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 18th instant and in reply have to advise that the Mint will purchase gold-filled scrap when sent in lots having a value not less than \$100.00 and where the precious metal content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

I am enclosing a circular which will be of assistance to you in determining the value of such material and please note also that each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent


Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

January 19, 1938

Mr. P. J. Theobald,
Breckenridge, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 15th instant and in reply have to advise that one deposit only has been received from the sources mentioned by you and before detailed information pertaining thereto can be furnished you, it will be necessary for you to have the Fremont Gold Mine Company, from whom the deposit in question has been received, authorize us to furnish such information as you may desire relative to this deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OD:R
Stamped envelope returned

January 20, 1932

Chief of Police,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the calls sent to the Police Department over the police pull box at this institution, which now begin at 5 PM each day and continue at half-hour intervals until 6 AM the next day, I would appreciate your cooperation in the matter of continuing these calls until 7 AM, one hour later than now made and unless advised by you to the contrary these two additional calls will be made daily beginning with the morning of Friday, January 22nd.

In my previous letter I requested that in the event satisfactory answers were not obtained at the Mint when you failed to receive the usual calls on time, that you call me at my house telephone Fr. 2727, or failing to get me, that you call the Chief Clerk, Mr. Oscar Winicks, 1221 Jasmine Street, Fr. 2740-M. I have now to request that if you fail to get either Mr. Winicks or myself, that you call Mr. J. C. Wells, 1416 Detroit Street, To. 2130-J.

I view of the fact that you have not been in this building since your appointment as Chief of Police of this city, it occurs to me that in the event of any trouble a familiarity on your part with the interior of the Mint might prove of benefit

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January 23, 1932

The Bucklin State Bank,
Bucklin, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your note of the 18th instant, I have to advise that mining gold is purchased in minimum lots of two full tray ounces and over but nothing under that weight is accepted.

If your client can add enough gold to the nugget to bring its weight up to the minimum, I will be glad to have you forward it here for purchase. Shipments must be accompanied by a letter of advice and if possible your client should state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 30, 1932

Mr. Frank A. Barker,
Clarkston, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I have your small retorts, weighing upon receipt
less 1.07 Troy ounces, and have to advise that deposits
under two full Troy ounces may not be accepted for pur-
chase by the Mint and your material will be returned to
you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance,
unless you can send enough mining gold to bring the weight
of your deposit up to the minimum required. No deposits
are entered for purchase unless accompanied by a letter of
advice.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Barker, Superintendent

WLB

Chief of Police

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to all concerned and I would therefore be glad to have you call at the Mint as soon as you may find it convenient to do so and inspect our defense equipment and be advised of the procedure to be followed by the Mint guards and employees should any trouble arise on these premises.

Assuring you of my sincere appreciation of the fine cooperation the Police Department has extended in this matter,

I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 20, 1932

Mr. F. A. Gregory,
121 North W Street,
Livingston, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th instant enclosing a very small amount of amalgam and have to advise that two troy ounces of mining gold is the very least accepted for purchase by the Mint and as your gold does not anywhere near approximate that amount, I am returning it herewith to you.

Perhaps you could have your gold to be weighed at one of the drug stores in your vicinity as a pair of scales would cost you considerable money but if you want to go to that expense, I would suggest that you correspond with William Ainsworth & Sons of Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:V
Enclosure

January 20, 1922

Mr. E. DeWeay,
Collins, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request under date of the 15th instant, I have today returned to you by insured mail the watch case forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 16¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter that purpose.

Referring to the second paragraph of your letter, please be advised that the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and each deposit must have a minimum value of \$100. I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

January 20, 1932

Mr. Jay Spangler,
General Delivery,
Canon City, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your note on the bottom of my letter to you of the 15th instant and your enclosure of money order for \$1.15 to cover treatment charge of \$1.00 on your bar and 15¢ for postage on return of this bar to you.

In accordance with your request, I have this day returned to you by insured mail your rejected bar, using 12¢ for that purpose and enclosing \$1.15 in stamps to balance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

January 30, 1932

Mr. E. A. Southern,
P. O. Box 55,
Pulaski, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

The metal disc forwarded with your letter of the 18th instant is herewith returned as an acid test discloses that it is simply a piece of brass and therefore of no value.

The postage enclosed with your letter is also returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank F. Shaw, Superintendent

CH:7

Enclosure

January 21, 1908

Mayer Jewelry Company,
Boley Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 19th instant, consisting of two pieces of filled ware which weighed upon receipt here 70.75 Troy ounces, I have to advise that a preliminary test of this metal indicates that it is practically all base metal and therefore unsuitable as a deposit at the Mint.

In order to make this consignment acceptable for purchase, it will be necessary for you to send \$200.00 in gold and about 20 ounces of high-grade silver to be combined therewith.

Please advise as promptly of your wishes in the matter,

Respectfully,

Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

February 21, 1908

Hersey Twist Drill & Machine Company,
New Bedford, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Under date of December 1st I forwarded you my order No. 120 for certain certain steel twist drills as per copy herewith. To date I have not received these articles nor heard from you in the matter and I have to request when you will advise me if you received this order and if so when I may expect to receive the articles in question.

Respectfully,

~~Wm. H. Brown, Superintendent~~

WHS
Enclosure

January 21, 1942

Edgar Klat & Wittenberg,
2840 Elm Street,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the
19th instant, which you state weighs about 75½ pounds, I
have to advise that upon receipt here this shipment weighs
about 60 pounds. As this is a considerable difference in
weight, I have to request that you will advise me promptly
if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

~~Walter B. Smith, Representative~~

WBS

January 22, 1922

Mr. W. C. Cingee,
6102 Michigan Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.,

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 20th instant, I have to advise that the Mint does not purchase silver alone at the present time but when combined in gold deposits, the Mint pays the New York market price, less the fraction, prevailing on the day prior to the receipt of deposits. Both gold and silver are purchased on the basis of the Troy ounce and the New York market price for silver is based thereon. Gold is paid for at the rate of \$34.25 per Troy ounce of pure gold contained in the deposits.

Deposits of bull gold in order to be acceptable for purchase must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposits must consist of pure gold and silver.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,

FRANK B. SHEPARD, Assistant Treasurer

CH:T

Enclosure

October 12, 1930

Mr. Arthur F. Johnson,
25 Allen Street,
Newark, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 10th instant, please
be advised that I have no statistics which will supply the
information desired by you and would suggest that you direct
your inquiry to the United States Bureau of Mines, Denver,
Colorado.

Respectfully,

Frederic E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHS

January 22, 1932

Mr. B. L. Emsley,
229 East Virginia Avenue,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request, I have today returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 1½ of the 1½ in stamps enclosed with your letter for that purpose and retaining herewith ½ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I was unable to be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

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Dean Branch
Acting Superintendent

CH:W
Enclosure

January 22, 1922

Mr. Edward B. McKee, Jr.,
2876-A Connecticut,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of recent date for a list of Government premiums on old coins, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner nor does the Government ever pay a premium on any of its coins, and I am therefore unable to comply with your request.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 23, 1922

Mayer Jewelry Company,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I have your telegram of even date and have to advise that as your two consignments of the 19th instant were accompanied by individual invoices and were received in separate packages, I immediately proceeded to treat the one acceptable for purchase and advised you regarding the one that was insufficient, and payment for the first was mailed you yesterday. Under these conditions I can only hold the silver which you have forwarded for the insufficient consignment until you can forward \$100.00 in gold to give this consignment the necessary value.

May I call your attention to the fact that your invoices are merely signed "Mayer Jewelry Company", without address, and do not give the approximate weight of your material. As the Mint receives a large number of deposits and at times there are consignments bearing a similar name, it would insure proper attention to you and avoid any possible errors, if you would fill out your invoice giving all the information indicated thereon.

Regretting that I cannot comply with the request contained in your telegram, I am

Respectfully,

And J. Shepard, Manager

CH:2

January 25, 1922

Pellish Brothers,
Laramie, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment of the 22nd instant, delivered at this building by your messenger, I have to advise that while the approximate forty ounces of silver accompanying same appeared to be of good quality and of the necessary fineness to give your material the proper content of precious metal, I find after melting and assaying this material that the silver was evidently of a very low grade and therefore the precious metal content of your consignment falls below the minimum amount required.

In view of the above it will be necessary for you to forward me at least 25 ounces of sterling silver to offset the large amount of base metal contained in this material and also \$1.00 to cover melting charges on this deposit which now has the status of a rejected bar. Upon receipt of this silver, and \$1.00 I will again melt your combined material and if satisfactory forwarded you check in payment as requested.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 25, 1922

Mr. J. M. French,
Creede, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Regarding the nickel enclosed with your letter of the 23rd instant, I have to advise that this is genuine coin but does not have the proper "ring" owing to the fact that it has a slight crack in it which is due to an air bubble produced at the time the ingot was melted.

I am enclosing a new nickel in place of the one forwarded by you.

Respectfully,


Frank Y. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

January 25, 1932

Federal Jewelry Company,
4th Floor, Keith & Perry Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 23rd instant, please be advised that owing to the large amount of base metal contained in gold and silver filled ware, it is necessary that such consignments contain enough pure gold or silver to give the deposit a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of its weight. Such consignments must also have a value of at least \$100.00 in order to be acceptable for purchase.

If your material has a value of \$100.00 or more in gold, I would suggest that you add sterling silver in sufficient quantity to comply with the foregoing conditions.

The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to return it to the depositor when forwarded with gold and silver deposits.

I am enclosing a circular giving further information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint which I would suggest you read carefully before preparing your consignments to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

January 25, 1932

Mr. G. Clyde Harding,
Cia. Minera El Pilar, S.A.
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 23rd instant, I have to advise that the 50 pounds of precipitates mentioned by you would not be suitable for acceptance as a deposit at the Mint.

Regretting that I cannot help you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 25, 1922

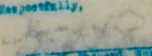
Miss Lillie M. Dunlap,
Lowell, Arizona. Box 3251.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of recent date and have to advise that the Mint will purchase old gold and silver, without previous melting, when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided each consignment contained at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold and silver.

I am enclosing a circular which will be of service to you in preparing your material for shipment to the Mint and wish to call your attention to the fact that each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

January 23, 1932

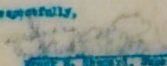
Tennessee Eastman Corporation,
Mr. Henry L. Ford, Sales Department,
Kingsport, Tennessee.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 19th instant in regard to furnishing this institution with powdered charcoal and have to advise that our stock of charcoal is sufficient at the present time but when I am in need of a new supply, I shall be very glad to send you the proper blanks for quotation thereon.

Thanking you for calling my attention to the fact that you can supply this material, I am

Respectfully,


Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

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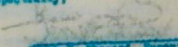
January 25, 1932

Mr. Ramon Aguirre,
P. O. Box 181,
Ketch, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 20th instant,
I returned to you on the 23rd instant by insured mail the
piece of metal forwarded by you to this institution, using
13¢ of the 25¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that
purpose and returning 13¢ in stamps herewith to balance.

Respectfully,


Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

January 20, 1938

Mr. Loren E. Thompson,
488 Rutherford Avenue,
Greensboro, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request for certain coins of this Mint, please be advised that applications for new coins should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

This Mint has on hand available for distribution one-cent bronze pieces of the coins of 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932, and upon receipt of approval from the Treasurer I shall take pleasure in sending you the specified coins.

The card enclosed with your letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosures

January 25, 1932

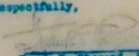
Mr. D. E. Sroderly,
808 Bratnolier Street,
Waterloo, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 21st, in which you enclose a tracing of a dime in your possession on one side of which you state there have been carved some initials, please be advised that some one has removed the original design on that side of the coin and carved the initials instead.

The Mint does not deal in old coins, hence I cannot give you any information as to what the Columbian Half Dollar is now worth, but I may say that the dime having been mutilated is worth only its bullion value.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 25, 1922

Mr. Rud. Kohler,
70 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

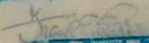
Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 20th instant and have to advise that the following coinage was executed at this institution during the fiscal year 1921:

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Pieces</u>
Double Eagle	\$2,120,000.	106,500
Dime	126,000.	1,260,000
One-Cent Bronze	44,800.	4,480,000

No commemorative coins were returned during the year for melting.

Respectfully.


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

January 25, 1932

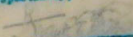
Mr. William Bober,
102 West Exchange Place,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 23rd instant, I have to advise that deposits containing platinum are mass-melted with other deposits in our refinery and after the metal has been refined, the platinum is obtained from the residue. Under these conditions it is impossible to say what amount of platinum has been obtained from any one of the component parts of the mass-melt - most deposits of dental scrap received here containing more or less platinum. Under these circumstances the Government finds it impossible to return any platinum to depositors or make any allowance therefor. Nor does the Mint sell the platinum recovered to the public.

Although I have not noticed any little diamond chips in your consignments, I may say that if any have been included therewith they have accompanied your metal to the crucible and have been carried off in the slag.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 26, 1932

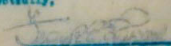
Mr. Levi King,
Mason City, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the two lots of rock forwarded by you to this institution unaccompanied by a letter of advice, please be advised that while the Mint does not make analyses of such material, it does not appear that your rock contains any mineral values.

If you desire the return of this material, please send me the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 25, 1922

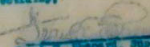
Mr. E. L. Fontaine,
Ranger, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 18th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not make assays of mineral bearing specimens but reliable work of this kind may be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

I would say that about one pound of your material would be sufficient for a sample.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

January 26, 1932

Mr. George W. Elts,
24 South Tejon Street,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 23rd instant, I have to state that while your material has a weight of 9.88 troy ounces, it is doubtful if its value will amount to \$100.00 which is the minimum accepted for purchase. I would suggest that you send not less than another ounce to be added to this lot, unless you are confident that the lots you have already forwarded here will comply with our regulations regarding the minimum amount received.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 25, 1932

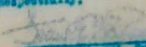
American National Bank,
Silver City, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your small consignment of the 23rd instant weighing upon receipt here 2.12 troy ounces, I have to advise that a preliminary test of this metal indicates that it is brass and without value in the precious metals.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance this piece of metal will be returned to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 25, 1932

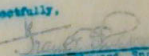
Noack-Harger Company.
Sacramento, California.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your small consignment under date of the 21st instant weighing upon receipt here 2.49 troy ounces, I have to advise that manufactured or fabricated gold is not received at the Mint in lots having a value under \$100.00 under which conditions I cannot purchase your small consignment.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your shipment will be returned to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

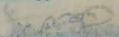
January 25, 1932

Mr. Walter Thompson,
Morocco, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 22nd instant, you are advised that it is anticipated this Mint will coin the new 25¢ pieces known as the Washington Bicentennial Coin within the next few months at which time they will be distributed to applicants who apply to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., in accordance with the terms of the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 25, 1932

Mr. Roger Vore,
Box 87,
Merriam, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 22nd instant,
you are advised that a silver dollar of standard weight
weighs 0.879375 troy ounces and it would therefore take
fourteen such coins to weight one troy pound.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:W

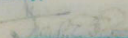
January 26, 1932

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your voucher-
check in amount \$1.17, and your cash remittance of 33¢,
covering commission on collections from telephone booths
MA-9972 and MA-9925, respectively, for the period Decem-
ber 15, 1931, to January 15, 1932.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 26, 1932

Michaela C.M. Vega
Tennadino, New Mexico.

Dear Madam:

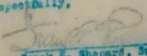
I have your letter of recent date and as you have been advised in reply to each one of your previous letters, the gold dust I am holding for you will be returned to you when you send me the postage for its return.

If you send me \$4. which will give your package insurance for \$5.00, I will immediately return your gold.

If you want insurance for more than \$5.00, send me 11¢. The Government has no fund out of which this postage could be paid and for that reason your dust has not been returned you.

As above stated, when you send me the postage your gold dust will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 26, 1922

Mr. R. Lebon,
506 East Douglas Street,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside weighing upon receipt here 128.67 troy ounces and have to state that owing to the large amount of filled ware included in this shipment, it will be necessary for you to forward not less than 25 ounces of sterling silver to be added thereto in order that one-fifth of the weight of your material will consist of pure gold and silver.

I also have to advise that a letter of advice has not been received concerning this shipment and the regulations require that such letter be received before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment and purchase. Please write me promptly concerning this shipment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 26, 1932

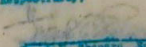
Miss Mary L. Gaywood,
Mayer, Arizona.

Dear Miss Gaywood:

Referring to the two lots of bullion forwarded with your letter of the 22nd instant and your request that they be treated separately, please be advised that deposits must have a minimum weight of 2 full troy ounces in order to have separate treatment and returns thereon. If you can send enough additional gold to bring your lot No. 2, weighing 1.21 ounces up to at least 2 troy ounces, it will be entered as a separate deposit and you will then have its individual value. If you are unable to do this, however, the two lots may be combined and one report and check forwarded you in payment.

Please advise me promptly as to your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank L. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

January 26, 1932

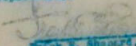
Mr. W. E. Roper,
Pillard, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the bag of sand forwarded by you under date of the 20th instant, I have to advise that a preliminary test of this material does not show that it contains any gold or silver and it will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent,

CH:T

January 26, 1932

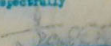
Mr. W. A. Brady,
Sutherland, Iowa. R. 2

Dear Sir:

With reference to the sample forwarded with your note of the 23rd instant, I have to advise that while the Mint does not make analyses of such material, no values in the precious metals appear to be contained therein.

If you wish this material returned to you, please forward me the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:T
2¢ stamp returned

January 26, 1932

Mr. Grant Stearn-Smith,
Lamar, Colorado.

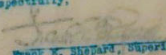
Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th instant and have to advise that quarter dollars of the new design were not manufactured at this institution until 1917 and while some were manufactured at the Philadelphia Mint during 1916, it is not at all likely that you can procure one or more of these coins from that institution at the present time as the Mints do not make any effort to hold a supply of each year's coinage which is distributed as a rule either during the year of its manufacture or soon thereafter.

Possibly you could obtain one of these coins from some coin collector but I regret to say that I have not the addresses of any such dealers to whom I might refer you.

Regretting that I cannot be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


FRANK W. SHEPARD, Superintendent

CH:T

January 27, 1938

Mr. Vincent H. Milow,
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

The piece of metal forwarded with your letter of the 23rd instant was duly received here and I have to advise that the Mint does not make assays of such samples, your material appearing to be a mixture of lead, zinc and antimony, which has been melted probably to form babbitt metal.

If you desire the return of this piece of metal, please forward us the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

~~WILLIAM H. MILLER, Special Agent~~

CH:F

January 27, 1932

Mr. Hollin E. Colvin,
5½ North Tejon Street,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment at this Mint which weighs upon receipt here 10.24 tray ounces, I have to advise that it does not appear that your material will have a value at most over \$75.00 which falls below the minimum received for purchase, namely \$100.00.

I would therefore suggest that you send the required amount of additional gold to give your deposit the necessary value, but if you prefer not to do this, it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shipps, Superintendent

CR:T

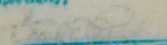
January 27, 1922

Mr. E. S. Mages,
Cortez, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of recent date stating that you are forwarding a shipment to the Mint for purchase and enclosing copy of lease and letter from Pershing, Eyr, Tailmadge, Desworth & Nick, I have to advise that your shipment has been entered for treatment and I am herewith returning the above papers to you as they are not needed at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:2

Enclosure

January 27, 1922

Mr. Vernon Granger,
Bozeman, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 24th instant and have to say in reply that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any way nor pay a premium thereon, nor has the Mint ever recalled any of its coinage to prevent its further circulation.

I have received other inquiries relative to a premium on the five-cent nickel piece of 1913 but I have no knowledge as to when or where such premium may be obtained and I therefore doubt the possibility of its collection.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Johnson, Superintendent

CH:T

January 27, 1922

Mr. J. W. Dunn,
Cheyenne, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 19th instant, I have to state that if the gold mentioned by you will have a value of not less than \$100.00 and contain one-fifth of its weight in pure gold and silver, it may be forwarded to the Mint for purchase.

Consignments should be addressed to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, and may be forwarded by insured parcel post or by railway express. Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Enclosed you will find a circular relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint which no doubt will give you any additional information you may need.

Respectfully,

~~FRANK M. BARNETT, SUPERINTENDENT~~

OH:2
Enclosure

January 27, 1932

Dr. Al M. Bissell,
218 McCarty Building,
Ledge City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 25th instant, I am enclosing a circular which will give you full particulars relative to the conditions under which deposits are received at the Mint from which you will note that consignments are not accepted having a value under \$100.00 nor when the precious metal content - gold and silver - is below one-fifth of the weight of the consignment, and that each shipment must be accompanied by a letter of advice in order to be entered on our books for treatment.

Should there be any additional information desired by you, I shall be glad to have you write on further on the subject and have to state in the premises that any consignments received from you complying with the necessary conditions will have my prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

January 20, 1908

Mr. A. C. Parsons,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 26th instant, weighing upon receipt here 5.04 troy ounces and consisting of jewelry weighing 3.59 troy ounces and nuggets 1.45 troy ounces, I have to advise that these two lots cannot be accepted as one deposit as their combined value would not be \$100.00; nor could they be accepted separately, as manufactured ware is not accepted in lots having a value less than \$100.00 and mining gold deposits must have a weight of at least two full troy ounces.

If you can send enough mining gold to give your nuggets the required weight, that part of your consignment may be accepted, or if you can send enough gold to give the combination of the two lots a value not less than \$100.00, and a pure gold and silver content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the consignment, the entire lot could be accepted.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you information as to the receipt of deposits at the Mint but which does not contain any information regarding mining gold as that is a temporary deviation from the conditions outlined in this circular.

Please advise me of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:7
enclosure

January 26, 1922

Mr. Stan A. Smith,
Mankato, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 25th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase your old gold and filled ware if it will have a minimum value of \$100.00 and if one-fifth of its weight consists of pure gold and silver. Each consignment should be accompanied by a letter of advice and have all transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

~~Wm. A. Smith, Mankato, Minn.~~

CH:T
Stamped envelope returned

January 29, 1932

Messrs. Holmes & Padres,
Gells, Pima County, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 28th instant, which you state weighs 4 ounces by the Post Office scales, please be advised that upon receipt here your ballion weighs 2.88 troy ounces and before proceeding to treat same, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

January 29, 1931

Frank Edin Mercantile Company,
Leadville, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment of amalgam ~~grains~~, weighing 7.90 troy ounces, bearing your name on the outside but is, date have not received from you a letter of advice covering this shipment which is necessary before it may be entered on our books for treatment.

Please advise me regarding this deposit, stating the source from which it has been procured.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By 
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

January 29, 1932

Miss A. F. Hopper,
Assistant Manager in Charge,
13th United States Civil Service District,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Miss Hopper:

I wish to thank you for your courtesy in forwarding to me the examination papers of Charles W. McKillop, Guard at this institution, and I am returning them herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OE:T
Enclosure

January 23, 1932

Miss Isabelle Kuehrt,
Whittemore, Michigan

Dear Miss Kuehrt:

I have your note of the 25th instant and have to say in reply that old jewelry is not purchased by the Mint except in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, and if such jewelry contains such plated ware it is usually necessary to add more or less pure silver in order that the precious metal content will equal at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Gold is paid for at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure metal, less the customary charges of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:R
Stamp returned

January 23, 1932

Mr. E. A. Chandler,
617 Main Street,
Russell, Kansas.

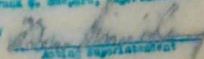
Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 3rd instant and have to advise that while the Mint does not make analyses of such material, the sample enclosed with your letter appears to be pyrites of iron which has no commercial value and it is returned to you herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CHS
Enclosure

January 29, 1932

Mr. Ray A. Thiele,
Wichita, Kansas:

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 27th instant, please be advised that it is my understanding that there is now no charge to be paid in bringing gold to the United States from Mexico.

The Mint will purchase virgin gold in lots of not less than two troy ounces and sent in metallic form - the shipper to state the name and location of the mine from which produced and the relation of the depositor thereto.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver. Deposits must have at least one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals and when sent in small amounts each deposit must contain a minimum of two troy ounces of pure gold in order to be accepted for purchase.

A melting charge is imposed by the Mint of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction; also a minimum treatment charge is imposed which varies according to the amount of base metal contained in deposits.

The Mint makes no recommendation as to the manner of

shipping deposits to the Mint or as to how the bullion should be packed for shipment. Consignments not delivered in person arrive by railway express or insured parcel post and are believed to be safe when sent in that manner. Shipments should be addressed to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.. Payment is usually made the second or third day after the deposit has been melted and assayed to determine the pure gold and silver content.

Any further information desired by you will be gladly furnished upon request.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Acting Superintendent

OS:F

January 30, 1912

Mr. M. Schwayenbeck,
1009 1/2 South 6th Avenue,
Tucson, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request for latest \$20 gold piece coined by this Mint, please be advised that application for new coins must be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., in accordance with instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Upon receipt of approval from the Treasurer, I shall take pleasure in sending you the desired coin.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

February 1, 1932

The Frank Zaitz Mining & Reduction Company,
Leadville, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo in which you request two checks in payment of your deposit forwarded under that date, one in amount of 50% of the proceeds payable to The St. Louis Leasing Company, and the balance, 50%, to be made payable to The Frank Zaitz Mining & Reduction Company, please be advised that the regulations permit only one check to be issued for a deposit, under which conditions I regret that I cannot comply with your request. Please advise me promptly to when you desire this check issued in order that settlement may be made as soon as the value of this deposit has been determined.

As requested, three settlement sheets will be issued you covering this consignment as well as the previous one to which you refer.

Respectfully,

Wm. L. Shepard, Superintendent

WLS

February 1, 1932

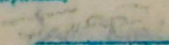
Dr. M. J. Moran,
Leasing, New Mexico. ⁶⁵ Box 18.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase virgin mining gold in lots of two ounces or over, but nothing under two full tray ounces of gold may be accepted for purchase.

Deposits should be forwarded to the Mint by insured parcel post or by railway express and have all transportation charges prepaid. Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice stating source from which gold has been obtained, name of mine and location of same.

Respectfully


Frank N. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:V

Stamped envelope returned

February 1, 1968

Mr. Francis J. Pender,
1008 Chestnut Street,
Lebanon Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of the 27th ultimo
for one-cent bronze pieces of the obverse of 1962, I re-
gret to advise you that our stock of these coins has
long since been exhausted and I am therefore unable to
comply with your request.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:V

February 1, 1932

Mr. G. B. Warner,
C/o First National Bank,
Fowler, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 30th ultimo, please be advised that owing to the fact that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner such as collecting or paying a premium thereon, no printed matter regarding such articles is issued by the Government, nor can I refer you to any reliable coin collector from whom the desired information could be obtained.

Respectfully,

Wm. F. Shepard, Superintendent

WM:F

February 2, 1932

Chicago-Waukegan Crystalline Company,
2535 Clybourn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your shipment under date of the 17th ultimo of 24 No. 33 special mint covers, 44 No. 30 standard covers and 55 No. 30 standard covers, please be advised that upon unpacking this shipment at the Mint two of the No. 300 special mint covers were badly broken and one of the No. 30 standard covers was also broken.

I am enclosing herewith report of the Western Weighing & Inspection Bureau and if you desire to replace these broken articles they may be forwarded by you when sending the other back ordered articles so complete my order No. 172 of January 15th.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:F
Enclosure

February 1, 1932

Mrs. Hilda E. Edwards,
Kokomo, Indiana.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of recent date, please be advised that the Mint will purchase solid gold and gold-filled and plated ware when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the pure gold and silver content will equal at least one-fifth of the weight of the material.

The Mint pays \$20.87 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and for silver the New York market price, less the fraction, quoted on the day previous to the receipt of the deposit.

Shipments are usually made to the Mint by railway express or by insured or registered mail. All transportation charges must be prepaid and each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Shapiro, Superintendent

OH:F

February 4, 1962

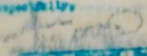
Mr. William Howard,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

I have your postal card of the 30th ultimo and in reply have to advise that the Mint has no printed matter whatever for distribution relative to this or any other mint of the United States.

Regretting that I am unable to comply with your request, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Brown, Superintendent

GB:Y

February 1, 1939

Mr. B. J. Graves,
Madison, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your consignment under date of the 28th ultimo which you state in your letter weighs 16 ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here your ballion weighs 10.27 Troy ounces and I have to request that you will advise me promptly if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

In further reference to your deposit, I have to state that such material is not purchased in lots where the value falls below \$100.00 and it does not appear that your material will contain over \$25.00 or \$50.00, although, of course, this is simply a preliminary guess.

Should I proceed to treat this material and they find the estimate about right, the regulations would require that it be rejected and the imposition of such charges as have been incurred up to the time of its rejection. To save you this needless expense, I would suggest that you send some gold having a value not less than \$10.00 for addition to the present lot.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank C. Shepard, Treasurer, U.S.M.T.

CH:T

February 2, 1932

Mr. E. C. Lova, President,
First National Bank,
Chandler, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 30th ultimo, I have to advise that if your customer's nuggets appear to be gold and silver an analysis of same can be made for you by the Mint at a charge of \$4.00, each sample, to determine the amount of gold and silver contained therein, provided the bullion is free from the platinum group metals. No analyses are made for platinum or related metals.

If these nuggets, however, are in the form of mineral samples, such as ore or material of that character, I would suggest that you send them to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, where reliable assays may be made for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany the nuggets.

If your customer surmises that his nuggets may contain any of the platinum group metals, it will be necessary to inquire of the above named office regarding the charges for such determinations.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

February 2, 1933

Ojers Jewelry Store,
Beloit, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo, you are advised that the Mint will purchase old gold and silver when sent in lots having a value of at least \$100.00 and a precious metal content of not less than one-fifth of the deposit.

Gold is paid for at the rate of \$20.67 per fine ounce, troy, and silver at approximately the New York market price - deductions being made therefrom for the customary Mint charge of \$1.00 for melting for each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, and a nominal treatment charge.

Consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have all transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EN:2

February 2, 1932

Sobel's Loan Office,
1416 1/2 Broadway,
Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the
20th ultimo weighing upon receipt here 2.09 troy ounces,
please be advised that the Mint does not purchase fabri-
cated or manufactured gold in lots which do not have a
minimum value of \$100.00. It will probably require not
less than \$40.00 in additional gold to give your consig-
ment the required value and if you can send this I shall be
very glad to have you do so, otherwise your material will
be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and
insurance.

Please advise me promptly.

Respectfully,


Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

Q217

February 2, 1932

Mr. J. L. Eriekill,
Spearfish, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

In order to send to the Mint the placer gold referred to in your letter of the 1st instant, it will be only necessary for you to address your consignment to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, and forward by insured parcel post or by railway express, as you may prefer.

Your consignment should be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the name of the mine from which the gold has been produced.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. YAKARD, Superintendent

OW:Y

February 2, 1922

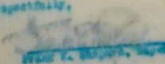
Mr. A. C. Parsons,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 29th ultimo, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the old gold forwarded by you to this institution for purchase, using \$15 of the 40¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter for that purpose and reimbursing herewith 17¢ in postage to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


W. F. Rogers, Superintendent

OS:T
Enclosure

February 2, 1936

Wheat-Ranger Company,
1022 E. Street,
Sacramento, California.

Sacramento:

Complying with your request of the 28th ultimo,
I have this day returned to you by insured mail the old
gold forwarded by you to this institution for purchase,
using 10¢ of the 25¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter
for that purpose and returning herewith 10¢ in stamps to
balance.

Regretting my inability to be of service to you
in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Walter E. Webster, Superintendent

CHS

Sacramento

February 8, 1938

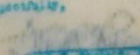
Mr. M. H. Hellingbeck,
Fort Garland, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 27th
ultimo, I have returned to you today by insured mail
the material forwarded by you to this institution for
purchase, using the \$10.00 stamp enclosed with your letter
for that purpose.

Regretting that the Mail was unable to be of
service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


FRANK E. BROWN, Superintendent

CH:7

February 2, 1932

Mr. E. Beasley,
Route 1 - Box 83,
Rocky Ford, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment of quicksand, I have to advise that the bright particles contained therein are mica and not gold, although the Mint does not make analyses of such material.

If you desire this sand returned you, please send us the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:2

February 2, 1920

Mr. A. W. Siegel,
227 West 3rd Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 30th ultimo, having a weight upon receipt here of 22.84 troy ounces, I have to advise that owing to the large amount of filled ware contained in this shipment and our previous experience with your deposits which have had to be rejected owing to an excess of base metal therein, I have to request before I enter this material for treatment, that you send approximately five ounces of sterling silver to be added thereto.

As stated, I am holding this deposit without treatment and have to request that you will advise as promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

GW:1

February 3, 1922

Mr. Gus C. Seelig,
505 Banstock Street,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 21st ultimo and agreeably to your request have re-assayed your deposit of the 19th ultimo and have now to advise that these repeat assays check in every particular the assays on which payment was made you for said deposit. Under these circumstances there is no doubt you were mistaken as to the number of karats contained in your various lots and I can assure you had a mistake been made by the Mint, I should gladly rectify same.

I am glad at all times to have depositors call my apparent errors to my attention and to re-assay their deposits to determine if any mistake has been made when there appears to be any doubt in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Hager, Superintendent

OK:T

February 8, 1932

MR. J. W. Byrd,
1027 Forrester Avenue,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant, please be advised that the Mint is not in the market for the purchase of silver bullion at the present time owing to the fact that our stock of silver is very large.

I am unable to give you any specific information relative to the duties imposed by the Government of Mexico on the export of silver from that country and would suggest that you endeavor to obtain the desired information from the proper Government officials in the City of Mexico.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Stamped envelope returned

February 3, 1932

Helen M. Lewis,
217 East Main Street,
Independence, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Answering your inquiry of the 29th ultimo, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase old watch cases, jewelry, etc., when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold or pure gold and silver content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Gold is paid for at the rate of \$40.07 per centroy ounce of pure gold and silver at approximately the New York market price. Your deposit therefore would have a value according to the number of ounces of pure gold and silver contained therein at the above rates.

If you have not enough gold to equal a value of \$100.00 and the other conditions mentioned, I regret to say I am unable to advise you to whom you could sell it unless to some reliable manufacturing jeweler in your vicinity.

Respectfully,

~~FRANK W. WILSON, Superintendent~~

CH:2

February 8, 1928

Dr. Thomas L. Brynburgh,
Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of an insured parcel post package containing 6.05 tray pieces of dental work, gold bearing your name on the outside and have to advise that it will require approximately two additional ounces of similar material to be added thereto in order to give your deposit the value of \$100.00 which is the minimum amount accepted for purchase.

I also have to advise that deposits are not accepted for treatment and purchase unless accompanied by a letter of advice and so far as such letter has been received from you.

Please advise me promptly concerning your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:9

February 3, 1938

Dr. Thomas B. Bringhurst,
Chawes, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of an insured parcel post package containing 8.45 tray pieces of dental sweep gold bearing your name on the outside and have to advise that it will require approximately two additional pieces of similar material to be added thereto in order to give your deposit the value of \$100.00 which is the minimum amount accepted for purchase.

I also have to advise that deposits are not returned for treatment and purchase unless accompanied by a letter of advice and so far as such letter has been received from you.

Please advise me promptly concerning your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:2

February 6, 1938

Mrs. John Longene,
1140 Pearl Street,
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of the last instant regarding the 1935 Lincoln penny, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner, and I therefore have no information as to the premium value, if any, on this coin.

Regretting that I am unable to be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank W. Burton, Superintendent

CHT

February 5, 1932

Mr. E. O. Carter,
Park Hill, Cankton Route,
Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo and in reply have to advise that the Mint does not purchase gold bearing ores in any form, such material being suitable for treatment by smelters or reduction plants similar to the Golden Cycle Corporation at Colorado Springs.

Before you send any ore to the above named company, however, I would suggest that you have a sample of your material assayed by a reliable assayer in order to be sure your ore contains any values in the precious metals.

Gold is worth \$20.00 per troy ounce of the pure metal.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

February 4, 1932

Mr. William Studebaker,
Hicklin, Kansas. Box 270

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant, please be advised that the regulations permit the acceptance of virgin gold when sent in lots having a minimum weight of two full troy ounces and if your nugget has that weight and contains sufficient gold the Mint will accept it for purchase.

I regret to say that deposits not complying with the foregoing conditions cannot be accepted but if you desire to forward your nugget here for examination as to its compliance therewith, I shall be glad to have you do so and should it fail it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank V. Sangre, Superintendent

OK:T

February 4, 1932

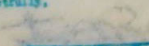
Ogawetown Loan Company,
1819 North 24th Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

A package of bullion has been received at this institution bearing your name on the wrapper but to date no letter of advice has been received concerning same.

The regulations prohibit the treatment and purchase of deposits unless accompanied by a letter of advice and you are therefore requested to write us concerning this shipment at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:Y

February 4, 1932

Mr. J. O. Potter,
Montgomery, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a package bearing your name which I have not been able to enter upon our books for treatment as the regulations require that a letter of advice be received before such action may be taken.

Please advise us promptly concerning this deposit in order that returns may be made you at an early date.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM H. GILSON, Superintendent

CH:2

February 4, 1933

Mr. Forrest Livingston,
Home National Bank,
Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 2nd instant, I have to advise that virgin gold cannot be accepted by the Mint in lots having a weight under two full troy ounces. If your customer can add some additional gold to his nugget, which you state weighs about an ounce and a half, in order to bring it up to the required weight, I shall be glad to have you forward it here for purchase; otherwise, I would suggest that he dispose of it to some reliable manufacturing jeweler in your city.

Respectfully,

JOHN E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

CH:2
Stamped envelope returned

February 5, 1932

H. Cohn Company, Inc.,
14 North Jackson Street,
Danville, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your deposit forwarded under date of the 2nd instant, I have to advise that in view of the large amount of low-grade gold which it contains, I do not believe its value will equal \$100.00 which is the very minimum amount accepted for purchase and have to suggest that you send about \$20.00 in good gold to be added to your shipment in order that it may have the required value.

Kindly advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter,

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:t

February 5, 1932

Mrs. Jim Ranger,
Marion, North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Referring to the dental gold forwarded with your letter of the 1st instant, please be advised that the Mint does not purchase fabricated gold in lots having a value less than \$100.00 and under these conditions, your gold cannot be accepted for purchase by the Mint and I am therefore returning it herewith.

I would suggest that you take it to one of the manufacturing jewelers in your city who no doubt would purchase it from you.

Respectfully,

FRANK E. SHOGREN, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

February 5, 1932

Mr. James Swank,
Albany, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of the 1st instant for certain coins minted by this institution, please be advised that application for new coins should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., in accordance with instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

I am returning herewith the money order for \$1.00 enclosed with your letter and upon receipt of authority from the Treasurer, I shall be pleased to send you the desired coins.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepley, Superintendent

CH:S
Enclosures

February 6, 1922

Mr. Tolbert N. Ingram,
Commissioner and Consistation,
Board of Immigration,
State Office Building, Denver.

Dear Mr. Ingram:

As requested in your letter of the 4th instant,
I have to advise that the following receipts was executed
at this institution during the calendar year, 1921:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Value</u>
Double Engines	100,000	\$2,100,000.
Planes	1,800,000	120,000.
Gas-Quint Engines	4,100,000	44,000.

In accordance with your request I am forwarding
you under separate cover a copy of the report of the Di-
rector of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921.

Respectfully,

Wm. L. Shepard, Superintendent

WLS:Y

February 5, 1932

Mr. H. F. Dodd,
Assistant Cashier, American National Bank,
Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant and under separate cover your small dental button weighing upon receipt here 27/100ths of a Troy ounce, and have to advise that the Mint does not purchase fabricated gold in lots having a value under \$100.00 under which conditions I am unable to purchase this material.

Deposits of virgin gold must have a minimum weight of ten Troy ounces in order to be acceptable for purchase.

Please send on the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your gold to you and oblige

Respectfully,

WALKER S. SHEPARD, Superintendent

CH:F

February 6, 1938

Mr. E. B. Winkler,
508 Park Street,
Amfield, Maine.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the
2nd instant which requires receipt here 7.00 tray ounces,
I have to advise that the value of this material will proba-
bly fall short of \$100.00 which is the very least accepted
for purchase.

In order to avoid the rejection of your deposit
and the charges which would have to be imposed in that
event, I would suggest that you send at least another ounce
of similar material of as much value as you may feel sure
will give your deposit the required value.

I am holding your material without treatment un-
til advised as to your desire in the matter.

Respectfully,

Walter H. Hargrett-Anderson

WHD

February 6, 1923

Mr. Don Fogliovich,
Toluca, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your shipment under date of the 25th ultimo, I regret to say that a test of this material indicates that it is practically all copper and does not reveal the presence of any gold therein.

If you do not wish this sent back to you, please authorize us to throw it away. In the event you wish it returned, please send us the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Sincerely,
Yours,

Frank E. Sawyer, Inc., Minterton

EN:7

February 6, 1932

Mrs. Paul J. Hensch,
Room 301, Kato Building,
215 "E" Street,
San Bernardino, California.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 3rd instant, weighing upon receipt here 10.51 troy ounces, consisting of filings, the value of which you estimate to be \$75.00, please be advised that such material in order to be accepted for purchase must have a minimum value of \$100.00, and I would suggest that you send not less than \$20.00 more in gold to be added thereto so that there will be no doubt about your deposit having the minimum value required for acceptance.

I am holding your material without treatment pending further advice from you in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:G

February 6, 1932

Mr. Danny Corcoran,
165 Front Street,
Worcester, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your inquiry of the 4th instant regarding the exchange of currency for silver dollars and double eagles, I assume that you desire new or uncirculated coins, and I have therefore to advise that application for new coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., in accordance with instructions contained in the enclosed circular. I doubt if the desired exchange could be made by any bank, if you want new coins.

Upon receipt of authority from the Treasurer, I shall be very glad to send you such coins as specified.

Respectfully,


Frank K. Shepard, Superintendent

OK: F
Enclosure

February 8, 1932

Schneff Brothers,
226 West Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your deposit of the 4th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 35.20 troy ounces, 25.14 ounces of which consist of filled ware, please be advised that in view of the fact that deposits must contain at least one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals, I would suggest that you send not less than five ounces of high-grade silver to be added to your material in order that it may have the required precious metal content.

It is also requisite that deposits have a value of not less than \$100.00 in order to be acceptable for purchase and if you have any doubt as to your material containing that value, please send as much gold as you may think necessary to meet that requirement.

Your deposit is being held without treatment until further advised by you in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:5

February 8, 1922

Bank of Arizona,
Jerome, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your deposit No. 1878 under date of the 3rd instant for the account of Marie Felix, which weighs upon receipt here 1.87 troy ounces and consisting of two small retorts, please be advised that no deposits of virgin gold are received for purchase by the Mint having a weight less than two full troy ounces.

If your customer can send the necessary gold to bring this deposit up to the required weight, I shall be glad to have him do so, otherwise, kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of these retorts to you.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 8, 1932

Mrs. Eva Dodge,
1112 1/2 Fifth Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your inquiry of the 6th instant regarding the premium value of the 1908 pennies, please be advised that the Government never recalls any of its coinage paying a premium thereon, nor have I any information as to the present value, if any, paid by numismatic dealers or coin collectors on the open market by you.

Regretting that I cannot assist you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shipley, Superintendent

DM:T
Attached envelope returned

February 8, 1932

Mr. E. A. Geyer,
601 East Fourth Street,
Greentwater, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of 80/100ths of a troy ounce of gold from you and have to advise that the least amount that may be accepted for purchase is two full troy ounces and your gold will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance unless you prefer to send the required amount of gold to give your deposit that weight.

As this small amount is permissible only in the case of virgin gold, the additional gold required will, of course, have to be of that character and not fabricated gold of any kind.

It is also necessary that deposits be accompanied by a letter of advice. Please advise as promptly as to your wishes in the matter.

Sincerely,

Frank E. Shepard, Supervisor

CHS

February 6, 1938

Mr. A. W. Siegel,
227 West Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date advising that you are forwarding 3 ounces of silver and 4.60 ounces of gold for addition to your recent consignment and also enclosing \$1.00 in currency to cover melting charges, and have to state that your deposit was not melted and rejected; hence, no charges were imposed. If you will kindly read my letter to you, you will note that I suggested that the additional metal be forwarded in order to prevent its rejection which has been necessary in a number of instances in the past. Your \$1.00 is therefore returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:G
Enclosure

February 9, 1922

Donah's Company,
521 Stock Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 3rd instant, you are advised that after melting and assaying this deposit it has been found to contain a value considerably below the minimum amount accepted for purchase and your consignment has therefore been rejected and a melting charge of \$1.00 imposed thereon which you are requested to forward at your earliest convenience and at the same time advise what disposition you desire made of your bar.

In view of the fact that it has been necessary to reject several of your deposits for the reason that they have either contained less than the minimum value or previous metal content received by the Mint, you are requested in future to forward only such deposits as have a full value of \$100.00 and a previous metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit or it will be necessary to impose the full charge for melting and assaying should any consignments fail to comply with either of the conditions before mentioned.

Respectfully,

W. H. Hays, Superintendent

WHS

February 10, 1908

Mrs. W. M. Karna,
St. Paul, Montana.

Dear Madam:

I enclose receipt of a small consignment bearing your name on the wrapper and have to state that two troy ounces of gold is the very minimum accepted for purchase by the Mint and as your consignment weighs only 1.67 troy ounces and contains considerable foreign matter, I would suggest that you send about two ounces more of similar material to be added thereto.

It is also necessary that a letter of advice be received before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment and purchase.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

9813

February 10, 1934

Mr. A. Veltora,
P. O. Box 366,
Tullogh, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring your consignment under date of the 6th instant, weighing upon receipt here 50.13 troy ounces, I have to advise that upon examination of this material it would appear that the large amount of filerware contained therein will give your deposit a very high base metal content and probably not sufficient value all together to render it acceptable for purchase.

The regulations prescribe that deposits must have at least one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals and a minimum value of \$100. While it is impossible to state prior to treatment what the value of the precious metal content may be, I would suggest that you send not less than 10 ounces of sterling silver and about \$20.00 value in gold to be added thereto in order that your deposit may conform to the requirements of the Mint.

Please advise us promptly as to your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

February 10, 1938

Mr. Ray Harland,
P.O. Box 81,
Mesa, Arizona

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 6th instant, weighing upon receipt here 2.89 troy ounces, I have to advise that the Mint does not accept amalgam but if you can forward some retorted gold for addition to this consignment an exception will be made in this case. If this is not convenient, however, your amalgam will be returned upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

~~WALTER H. BROWN, Superintendent~~

CH:V

February 10, 1932

Mr. Wayne C. Bailey,
 C/o Federal Bank of America,
 Santa, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 28th instant,
 please be advised that representative bills have been
 loaned by the United States Mint at Denver.

I am enclosing a circular giving information
 relative to United States coins and notes from which you
 will note that representative and special notes are not
 obtainable at the Mint but at the Treasury but that they
 were distributed - usually at a premium - by the organiza-
 tions having charge of the public debt activities.

Very respectfully,

~~Frank A. Bingham, Assistant Secretary~~

ENT
 stamped envelope returned

January 20, 1952

The Chicago-Haughwout Credit Company,
225 Weyburn Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Qualifications:

Referring to the request contained in your letter of the 21st instant, I am enclosing herewith the original bill of lading covering your request shipment of 2000 lbs of sugar to the Government. This sugar contained therein having been ordered.

Typical of the type.

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RECEIVED February 11, 1952

ADAM BROWN LABORATORY
 MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING
 PHOENIX, ARIZONA

YOUR ASSIGNMENT NUMBER NINE INSTANT. ORDER FOR ONE
 HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS TWENTY THREE CENTS PAID TO YOUR
 INSTANT.

RECEIVED BY DEPT

College charges at University

Monday 11, 1941

Dear Mr. [unclear],
 I am sorry that I have
 not been able to [unclear].

Very truly,
 [unclear]

Enclosed for your consideration under date of the
 11th August, I have the advice that your material weighs
 20.11 grams instead of 20.12 grams. Instead of 20.12 grams
 we should have 20.11 grams. As there is a material difference in
 weight, I am holding your assignment without treatment
 and have to request that you will advise me promptly if
 the weight of your material is found here with your
 approval.

Sincerely,
 [unclear]

W. E. [unclear], [unclear]

W. E.

February 11, 1908

Mr. J. W. Ballard,
Caney, Oklahoma. Box 276

Dear Sir:

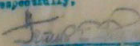
I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th instant and accompanying samples of ore and in reply have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of such material. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following charges for each sample:

Gold	-	\$ 1.00	Wine	-	\$ 2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Copper	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.80			

Money order for the proper amount payable to that office must accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples you have forwarded here, please send us the necessary postage at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 11, 1922

Mr. E. U. Flint,
Durango, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your small consignment under date of the 8th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 1.77 troy ounces, and have to advise that I am unable to purchase this small amount of gold from you as the regulations do not permit the acceptance of deposits of virgin gold having a weight under two full troy ounces.

Owing to the fact that your material is heavy with sulphide, I would suggest that you send another ounce to be added to this lot which would enable me to accept same for purchase. If this is not convenient for you, however, please send it in postage to cover the return of your consignment, as the Mint cannot pay this postage nor send your package with the postage to be collected at your end.

In the event that you do send some additional gold, please state the source from which your metal has been obtained.

Respectfully,


FRANK W. SMITH, Superintendent

CH:2

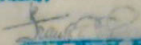
February 11, 1920

Mr. C. L. Westcott,
Deshler, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 9th instant, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing sand or rock but reliable work of this kind may be for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - assay order payable to that office for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T
2/ stamp returned

February 11, 1922

Mr. A. R. O'Keefe,
616 Shubert Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 4th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 46.98 troy ounces, please be advised that owing to the large amount of core, fillings contained in this shipment, it appears that it will be necessary for you to send about 10 ounces of high-grade silver to be added to this lot in order that it will have a precious metal content of at least 200 assay parts out of a possible 1000, or one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

It is also necessary that deposits have a value of not less than \$100.00 and while it is impossible to state definitely that your material will contain that value, it is probable that in this respect your consignment will be satisfactory but if you have any doubt that it will not have the required value, I would suggest that you also send some additional gold.

The Mint does not purchase platinum nor separate it from other material with which it may be forwarded to the Mint and I have to request that you will advise me if you are willing to waive any platinum values which may be contained in your shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:v

February 11, 1932

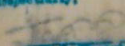
John T. Stanley,
624-626 West 80th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Referring to your shipment to this institution of three cartons of hand grit soap, 8 1/2-pound cakes, in accordance with order No. 168 of the General Supply Committee, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., I have to advise that said shipment was purporting to be made on Government bill of lading No. T-150817, the original of which has not yet been received by us for accomplishment and delivery to the railroad company as a voucher on which to collect its charges for service rendered.

Kindly advise me if you executed this bill of lading at the time of shipment and if it is still in your possession, please forward to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. McLeod, Superintendent

CR:T

February 11, 1922

Mr. E. S. Swift, Freight Agent,
Turner and Rio Grande Western R.R.Co.,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th instant in reference to three cartons of soap forwarded over your railroad to this institution by John F. Stanley, 404-406 West 30th Street, New York City, on Government bill of lading No. T-120877, and have to advise that this bill of lading has not yet reached us. Will you kindly make inquiry of your agent at the point of shipment and ascertain if it was delivered to him?

I am enclosing copy of a letter which I have this day forwarded to the consignor for your information in the printer.

Respectfully,


Frank A. Watson, Superintendent

OS:W
Enclosure

February 11, 1932

Mr. A. L. Lindsey,
107 South Seventh Street,
Mayfield, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 6th instant, the Mint will purchase old gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

A charge of \$1.00 is made for melting up to 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction; also a chemical treatment charge which varies according to the amount of base metal contained in the deposit. Payment is usually made the second or third day after deposits have been received.

If your old gold should have a value of not less than \$100.00 and you are in doubt as to the amount of base metal contained therein, I would suggest that you add sufficient high-grade silver to make the base metal content low enough to meet our requirements.

Respectfully,


FRANK H. SHEPARD, Superintendent

February 11, 1932

H. Cohn Loan Company,
14 North Jackson Street,
Danville, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant, I regret to say that as stated in my previous letter to you, deposits to be accepted for purchase must have a minimum value of \$100.00, under which conditions I am unable to accept your assignment for purchase.

In accordance with your request, I have this day returned your material to you by express, collect.

Sincerely,


JOHN W. BROWN, Superintendent

CH:T

February 11, 1932

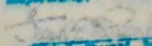
Mr. Charles E. Macdonald,
Cananea, Sonora, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a shipment mailed at Page, Arizona, bearing your name on the outside, and weighing upon receipt here 13.96 troy ounces, but so far I have not received from you a letter of advice covering this shipment which you are doubtless aware is necessary before your material may be entered on our books for treatment.

Please advise us promptly concerning this shipment and oblige

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 12, 1922

Mr. W. A. Vincent,
President & General Manager,
Western Lithograph Company,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 10th instant, I have to advise that the Mint does not sell silver in any quantity except in exchange for silver when contained in appreciable quantity in gold deposits.

The price of silver on the New York market yesterday was 29-5/8 per fine ounce. Today's price is not yet available - the Mint paying the New York market price prevailing on the day prior to the receipt of deposits. If you will refer to the financial page of your local paper I have no doubt you can find this quotation on any date you may wish to obtain it.

Prior to 1873 the Mint purchased all silver offered for sale when presented in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 as has been and still is the practice as regards gold bullion. Since the demonetization of silver in 1873, it is purchased only when contained in an appreciable quantity in gold deposits or at such times as it may be required for silver coinage - the coinage laws permitting the Director of the Mint to refuse its purchase when the supply at the Mint is redundant.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

February 16, 1923

Mr. W. F. Deeg,
Assistant Cashier,
American National Bank,
Saginaw, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 6th instant,
I have this day remitted to you by check the small
amount of gold forwarded by you to this bank for purchase,
netting 14¢ of the 14¢ in postage enclosed with your letter
for that purpose, and returning 14¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that the bank was unable to serve you
in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

WFD
May 1923

February 12, 1933

Mr. B. E. Simmons,
718 South Elm Street,
McPherson, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant, I regret that I cannot give you any information regarding the source from which you can obtain pennyweight scales but probably your local drugist could render you some assistance in this matter.

Regarding the purchase by the Mint of old gold, I have to say that such material is received for purchase when sent in lots having a value of not less than \$100.00 and where the pure gold and silver content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint pays \$20.00 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, deducting from the proceeds a melting charge of \$1.00 up to and including 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction; also a small treatment charge which varies according to the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

As old gold such as watch cases and oftentimes rings contain considerable base metal and very little gold, it will be necessary to add some high-grade silver to shipments which include many articles of that character.

If you desire any further information regarding the mat-

ter of deposits at the Mint I shall be glad to furnish it to
you upon request.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 15, 1932

Mr. T. J. Orambette,
516 Harriet Street,
Evansville, Indiana.

Dear Sir;

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant relative to the sale of old gold and silver jewelry to the Mint, I have to advise that such material to be acceptable for purchase must have a value of \$100.00 or more and contain at least one-fifth of its weight in the precious metals.

Silver is not accepted alone but may be combined with gold. In the event you have enough articles to contain \$100.00 in value and are in doubt as to the amount of the precious metal content, I would suggest that you add enough high-grade silver in order that the consignment will contain at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold and silver and that the base metal content will not exceed the maximum accepted.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each Troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and approximately the New York market price for silver - returns being made the depositor usually the second or third day after the receipt of the consignment.

A melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on consignments weighing 1000 ounces or fraction thereof and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction; also a small treatment charge which is regu-

lated by the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

Any further information desired by you will be gladly furnished and any assignments you may forward here complying with the necessary conditions as above stated will have my prompt attention.

Such assignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK, E

February 13, 1932

Bartley Crucible & Refractories Company,
Trenton, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 8th instant relative to the two No. 100 crucibles sent to this institution for test; will advise that the results were not altogether satisfactory. The glass on the pots was spotty and uneven and the unglazed portions scaled badly. Further, a very high absorption factor was indicated, amounting to 125 suns in the melting of 100,000 ounces of metal.

The test conditions should not be as severe as the Philadelphia Mint, from which you have received a very satisfactory report, as the tests here were made in our refinery and hence are really not comparable.

Respectfully,


Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 13, 1928

Mr. C. C. Smery,
204 North Main Street,
Hatchinson, Kansas.

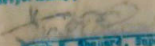
Dear Sir:

With reference to your recent consignment to this Institution, weighing upon receipt here 137.96 troy ounces, 118.56 ounces of which consist of filled ware, I have to advise that the large amount of base material contained in the filled ware will reduce the gross precious metal content of your deposit to such an extent that it would not be acceptable for purchase by the Mint - the regulations requiring that not less than one-fifth of the weight of the consignment must consist of pure gold and silver.

I have to suggest therefore that you forward not less than 50 ounces of sterling silver to be combined with this lot in order that it will not be necessary to reject your deposit as a result of its high base metal content.

Please advise me promptly regarding your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:V

February 13, 1933

Stewart Jewel Shop,
306 North 6th Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment No. 5 under date of the 10th instant, I have to advise that the weight of this material as received here is 29.46 troy ounces. The envelopes containing your various lots were badly broken and as near as can now be determined the total weight consists of 22.89 troy ounces of filled and silver ware and 6.57 troy ounces of the karat gold.

As this weight is considerably under your weight which you state as being 37 ounces, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

I have to state further it does not appear that your material will have \$100.00 in value which is the least amount accepted for purchase. Under these circumstances it will be necessary for you to send sufficient high-grade gold to give your material the necessary value before it may be purchased by the Mint.

Respectfully,

FRANK M. SHEPARD, Superintendent

February 15, 1928

Mr. Stan A. Smith,
Marquette, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment of recent date weighing upon receipt here 36.50 troy ounces, 28.64 troy ounces of which consist of filled ware, please be advised that owing to the large amount of base metal contained in the latter it would appear that the gross base metal content will exceed the maximum permitted in deposits acceptable for purchase.

In order to render your deposit acceptable for purchase I would suggest that you send not less than 6 ounces of high-grade silver to be added to this consignment to increase the precious metal content and I am holding your deposit without treatment until advised by you further in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Hapgood, Superintendent

OH:7

February 15, 1932

Miss Violet Mayphe.
1411 North Blackwelder Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Miss Mayphe:

Replying to your note of the 13th instant, I have to advise that the Mint does not have any printed literature for distribution relative to the disbursement of public moneys.

I may say, however, that all metallic money is manufactured at the Mints, of which there are three - one at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. All paper currency is manufactured at the Bureau of Engraving & Printing at Washington.

D. C.

Except for such payments as are made directly by the Treasurer of the United States for public works, etc., distribution of available supplies of United States paper currency and coin, exchange and replacement thereof, is effected through the various Federal reserve banks and branches. These banks apply to the Treasurer of the United States for such currency and coin as they may need to meet the needs of the other banks of the country which obtain their supply through the Federal reserve banks and the Treasurer of the United States directs the Mint to furnish the required coins or the Bureau of Engraving & Printing the necessary paper currency so requested.

Depositors of gold and silver bullion at the Mints

have the option of taking payment in cash or by check on the
Treasurer of the United States and when mining is good consid-
erable new money is distributed in this manner.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Sargent, Superintendent

CH:T

February 18, 1932

Mr. J. A. Eller,
Clovis, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant, I have to advise that the Mint is not holding any bullion of the character mentioned by you for test and further investigation regarding the depositor. A gold bar having a value of \$20,000 would be so heavy that it is not likely any one individual would be able to lift it.

The Mint receives deposits of virgin gold as small as two troy ounces and manufactured gold in lots having a value not under \$100.00, provided the precious metal content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Depositors are required to state the source from which their bullion has been obtained and if it is mining gold, must give the name and location of the mine and their relation to it. If there appears to be any doubt about the legal possession by the depositor of any bullion presented for sale to the Mint, the latter may refuse to receive the bullion.

Respectfully,

FRANK E. SHAPEL, Superintendent

OH:T

February 18, 1938

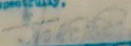
Mr. C. E. Rabbie,
Crescent City, California.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 10th instant,
please be advised that two full troy ounces of placer
gold is the very least amount accepted for purchase by
the Mint.

While the Mint does not recommend any outside
dealers nor assume any responsibility for returns received
in payment of assignments forwarded to such dealers as
may be suggested by the Mint, it is possible that you
could sell your gold to either Carl Klumpow, Bank Build-
ing, or to Harlingway & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, both
in this city.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7

February 15, 1932

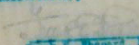
Mrs. Tony Doty,
Benton, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Answering your inquiry of recent date, please be advised that the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits. Each deposit must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of not less than one-fifth of its weight.

Deposits containing plated or gold-filled ware must be accompanied by enough high-grade silver to meet the foregoing requirements.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

February 15, 1928

Lee Schlenker Company,
527 Broadway,
Paducah, Kentucky.

Gentlemen:

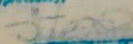
Answering your letter of the 11th instant, I have to advise that fabricated or manufactured gold is not accepted when its value is less than \$100.00 or virgin gold having a weight under two full troy ounces.

Owing to the fact that plated scrap contains very little in the precious metals, it is necessary that sufficient high-grade gold or silver be included in such shipments in order that deposits of this character will have a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of their weight.

Trusting this information is what you desire,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepley, Superintendent

CH:T

February 18, 1932

Dr. A. Walters,
Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Box 266

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant with which you enclose 45¢ in stamps to cover postage for forwarding your consignment at this institution to the J. M. Hay Company, Hartford, Connecticut, please be advised that I find the parcel post charges on your package will be 42¢ and to give it insurance for a value of \$100.00 will cost 25¢ additional, or a total of 67¢. As this amounts to 22¢ more than enclosed by you, I have to request that you will forward the additional 22¢ when your material will be promptly forwarded to the company above mentioned.

In this connection I have to state that even if your material should contain a value of \$100.00 as you believe, the precious metal content would fall below the minimum required to render your material acceptable for purchase, namely one-fifth of the weight, and enough high-grade gold or silver would have to be supplied by you to remedy this defect as stated in my previous letter in order to enable me to purchase this consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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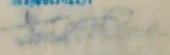
February 16, 1922

Messrs. Blair & Winterman
2310 - Elm Street
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 15th instant, I have to advise that upon receipt here it weighs 29.25 Troy ounces instead of 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces as invoiced by you. Please inform me promptly if the former weight is satisfactory to you, and oblige.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

Encls.

February 18, 1932.

Mr. Harry W. Stout
Ontonagon
Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 18th instant, please be advised that the Government does not purchase platinum and assays are not made to determine the amount that may be contained in gold deposits for that reason, and further, it is not possible to return such platinum to depositors as this metal is not separated immediately from the gold and silver with which it is forwarded to the mint.

When deposits are received they are melted and assayed to determine their gold and silver content and all small bars are later mass melted and when sent to the refinery are again mass melted with larger deposit bars in the manufacture of anodes which later go through the various refining processes for the separation of the constituent metals contained. Under these circumstances it is not determinable which bars comprising the anode yielded any part of the platinum recoveries. As a rule the platinum contained in any one bar is of very small amount and you can readily see the impracticability and impossibility of returning same to the depositor.

Second page.

When depositors are aware in advance that their bullion contains an appreciable platinum content, it is advisable that their bullion be forwarded to one of the platinum refineries instead of to the Mint.

Trusting the foregoing is the information desired by you,

I am,

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CHM:ls

February 16, 1932.

Bank of Arizona
Phoenix
Arizona.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your recent note, I have this day returned you by registered mail your small consignment to this Institution, using the 30¢ in stamps enclosed by you as follows:

Postage -----	.00
Registry fee ---	.15
	.21
Returned herewith	.20
	.36

Respectfully,

Frank A. Bousquet,
Superintendent.

CHS:lo

February 14, 1932

Miss Marie Wittrock
215 - Illinois Avenue
Webster Groves, Missouri.

Dear Miss Wittrock:

Answering your note of the 14th, please be advised that while it is very probable the 5¢ piece in your possession would command a premium among coin collectors, I have no information which I can send you on the subject as the Government does not pay a premium on old coins nor deal in them in any manner.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Boyard,
Superintendent.

CH:ke

February 17, 1932

Dr. H. J. Moran,
P.O. Box 68,
Bering, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 15th instant consisting of 1.97 troy ounces of placer gold contained in two bottles and three pieces of dental scrap, weighing 1.23 troy ounces, I have to advise that placer gold is not purchased in lots having a weight less than two full troy ounces of gold and dental scrap must have a value of not less than \$100.00 with a minimum precious metal content of one-fifth of the weight of the consignment.

Under the foregoing circumstances your consignment does not meet the requirements of the Mint and unless you can send the necessary gold in each case to meet the conditions above stated, your material will be returned upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

~~John A. Harp, Supervisor~~

CHT

February 17, 1932

Mr. J. W. Marvin,
P.O. Box 1276
Casper, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 16th instant, I have to advise that manufactured gold is purchased only in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 under which circumstances the Mint could not accept as a deposit the eight-ounce case mentioned by you.

Old gold is purchased only on the basis of the number of troy ounces of pure gold contained in deposits at the rate of \$20.67 per troy ounce.

Respectfully,

STANLEY W. BURGESS, Superintendent

CH:T

February 17, 1922

Mr. E. E. Proyer,
College, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 6th instant, you are advised that the BIA will purchase old gold when consignments have a value of not less than \$100.00 and a pure gold and silver content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice in all cases.

Respectfully,

Frank R. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Ben H. Smith
Ben H. Smith, Superintendent

CH:2

February 17, 1932

The Frank Laika Mercantile Company,
Leadville, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, I regret that the Mint would not be able to accommodate you in the matter of furnishing you with bar silver, nor do I know from whom you might purchase your needs in that respect unless you do so from Carl Blawieck, Bank Building, this city.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Da. [Signature]
Acting Superintendent

CR:2

February 17, 1932

Mr. John V. Martin,
State Highway Commissioner,
State of Tennessee,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant, please be advised that the Mint has always been equipped to do its own stamping and hence has never called upon any outside engravers to undertake any work of that kind. Occasionally when deposits are received having a value and fineness below the requirements of the Mint, depositors are referred to Burlington and Parker of this city as one of the possible sources for disposing of their bullion.

It is contrary to the regulations of the Department to recommend any outside engravers and I regret that I cannot express an opinion in the matter that would be of any assistance to you. I might suggest in this connection that you raise your inquiry to the Better Business Bureau, Inc., United States National Bank Building, this city.

Respectfully,

FRANK E. WILSON, Superintendent

CE:7

February 18, 1932

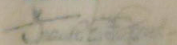
Cadet James Martin
Allen Academy
Bryan, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your note of recent date relative to the five cent nickel coin forwarded by you under separate cover, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner nor have I any information as to what value, if any, such a coin would have among coin collectors, but in view of the fact it is badly worn I doubt if its value would exceed its face value.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your coin will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

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February 10, 1932

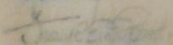
Cadet James Martin
Allen Academy
Bryan, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your note of recent date relative to the five cent nickel coin forwarded by you under separate cover, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner nor have I any information as to what value, if any, such a coin would have among coin collectors, but in view of the fact it is badly worn I doubt if its value would exceed its face value.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your coin will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:Mc

February 19, 1932

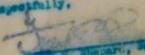
Mr. M. W. Johnston,
Assistant Cashier,
Consolidated National Bank,
Tucson, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 16th instant, I regret that I cannot send you any literature explaining the profits that inure to the Government in the matter of silver coinage owing to the fact that the Mints have no such literature for distribution, but will state that this difference is termed the seigniorage, which represents the difference between the average cost of the bullion purchased by the Mint and the nominal or face value of the coins produced from such bullion.

This seigniorage also accrues from the minting of minor coins as well as from the silver coinage but not from any gold coins, all of which contain their face value in pure gold.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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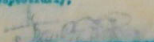
February 19, 1932

Mr. William Kieko,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 17th for information regarding the receipt of deposits at this institution, I am enclosing herewith a circular which will give you full information on this subject from which you will note that such material as described by you is accepted in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the precious metal content, pure gold and silver, is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

February 19th, 1932

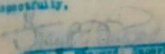
Mr. J. P. Stoe,
3435 Schubert Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant,
please be advised that the Washington Bicentennial Com-
memorative quarter dollars have not yet been coined at
this institution although it is anticipated that they will
be in the near future.

When these coins are available for distribution,
application therefor should be made to the Treasurer of
the United States, Washington, D.C., as per the enclosed
circular.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:2
Enclosure

February 19th, 1932

Mr. J. P. Stoe,
3625 Schubert Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant,
please be advised that the Washington Bicentennial Com-
memorative quarter dollars have not yet been coined at
this institution although it is anticipated that they will
be in the near future.

When these coins are available for distribution,
application therefor should be made to the Treasurer of
the United States, Washington, D.C., as per the enclosed
circular.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:P
Enclosure

February 19, 1932

Mr. Henry T. Newman,
General Delivery,
Clinton, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 16th instant, please be advised that the Washington Bicentennial Commemorative quarter dollars have not yet been coined by this institution although it is anticipated that they will be in the near future.

When these coins are available for distribution, application therefor should be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., as per the enclosed circular.

The quarter and two one-cent stamps enclosed with your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures

February 19, 1932

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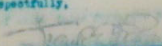
Mr. E. C. Upson,
292 North Main Street,
Waterbury, Connecticut,

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 18th instant, I have to advise that during the calendar year 1932 there were manufactured at this institution \$71,600.00 in one cent bronze coins, no coinage by the other Mints of this denomination having been undertaken during that year.

Our entire stock of these coins has long since been exhausted.

Respectfully,


FRANK W. Shepard, Superintendent

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By stamp returned

February 19, 1932

Assayer in Charge,
United States Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

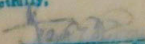
Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions received from the Director of the Mint, I have shipped you by railway express twenty five sacks to be used as containers in shipping the 1514 pounds of slag, old crucibles, etc., at your institution to the United States Mint at Denver. This material will, of course, be shipped on Government bill of lading - the original of which to be forwarded to me for accomplishment after signing by the transportation company.

Please also return at the same time any unused sacks from this lot.

Government bill of lading No. T-42007 covering this shipment is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

February 20, 1932.

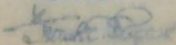
Mr. E. M. Plant
Paradox
Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 15th instant,
I have this day returned you, by insured parcel post your
small consignment at this institution, using the 11¢ in
postage forwarded by you as follows:

Postage -----	.03
Insurance -----	.68
	.71

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

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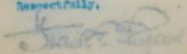
February 20, 1932

Mr. Ben Nichols
2137 - Pine Street
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 18th instant, please be advised that the mint does not accept deposits consisting of analogs, and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your material will be returned you.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CHS:hc

February 20, 1932

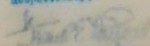
Dr. A. Walters
Box 9066
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 17th instant,
I have this day returned you, by insured parcel post your
small consignment at this institution, using the 47¢ in
postage forwarded by you as follows:

Postage -----	.42
Insurance ---	.05
	.07

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

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February 20, 1932.

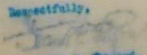
Mr. William Burke
610 - Ottawa Street
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your request of the 17th instant, I have to advise that only one deposit was made at this institution during the calendar year 1931, by J. W. Callaway and this incidentally was not credited to the Dunbar Mine.

However, the regulations do not permit information to be furnished regarding deposits save upon written authority of the depositor. Upon receipt of Mr. Callaway's consent, a duplicate copy of the return made him on this deposit will be furnished you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

GMS:to

February 23, 1932

Mr. Joseph E. Olson, Manager,
Denver Branch Federal Reserve Bank,
Denver, Colorado.

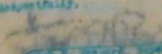
My dear Mr. Olson:

I have to request that you will kindly wire the proceeds of the enclosed check in payment of the Homestake Mining Company's deposit at this institution to the Irving Trust Company of New York City for the credit of the Homestake Mining Company, deducting from said check the service charges for a telegram in code transferring these funds to the Irving Trust Company, No. 1 Wall Street, New York City.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Harp, Superintendent

CH:2
Enclosure

February 23, 1932

The Fattison McGroth Company,
1117 Walnut Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 19th instant, please be advised that deposits are not entered upon our books for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice duly signed by the depositor. These advices should state, if possible, the approximate weight and value of the material forwarded for purchase by the Mkt.

Kindly advise us concerning your present shipment at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

February 23, 1932

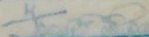
Weisel's Indian Trading Post,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of the 13th instant, I have to state that the Mint is not purchasing silver at the present time and I doubt very much if the slag which you mention would be suitable as a deposit at any time.

Regretting that I am unable to assist you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:T

February 23, 1932

Miss Mary Ann McCormick,
Salem, New Mexico. Box 44

Dear Madam:

Answering your note of the 20th instant, please be advised that the coinage of the new design of quarter dollar commemorating the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of George Washington is contemplated in the near future but at the present time I am unable to state when these coins will be available for distribution.

These coins will be distributed at their face value, plus the necessary postage for mailing, upon application to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., as outlined in the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

February 27, 1922

Boon-Thomas Crucible Company,
Tombey, Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your letter of the 15th instant, the following are the quotations received in response to my recent inquiry for certain graphite articles needed at this institution from which you will note that the Award was made to the Chicago-Hungtuck Crucible Company for each line, its bid being the lowest of the five received:

	25 No. 800 Spl-Coverts	100 No. 80 Spl-Coverts	100 No. 30 Spl-Coverts	500 Spl. 5" Stirs.
*Bartley Bros. & Refractories Co. ..	\$250.00	\$125.00	\$ 75.00	\$150.00
**Chicago Hungtuck Crucible Co.	120.00	100.00	60.00	125.00
*Joseph Dixon Crucible Co.	120.00	125.00	75.00	125.00
*Boon-Thomas Crucible Co.	120.00	125.00	75.00	125.00
*Tombey Crucible Co.	120.00	125.00	75.00	125.00

15% discount on each payment
* P.O.D. Denver, Colorado.
** P.O.D. Mint, Denver, Colorado

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

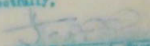
February 23, 1932

H. H. Tennant Company,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

Answering your note of the 18th instant, I have to advise that pure gold is not sold by the Mint in lots having a value less than \$5,000.00 and I am enclosing herewith a copy of our table of charges which will give you the rates for the various size bars when sold in lots having the value above stated.

Respectfully,


Fred E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHT
Enclosure

February 23, 1932

Mr. J. F. Bogan,
913 Main Street,
Miles City, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Regarding your small consignment under date of the 18th instant, weighing upon receipt here 49/100 of a troy ounce and which appears to be dental work, I have to advise that fabricated gold is not accepted at the Mint in lots having a value under \$100.00, nor placer gold in lots having a weight less than two full troy ounces of gold.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your small button will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. McLaughlin, Superintendent

OK:1

February 25, 1932

Magill Dental Supply Company,
Kress Building,
Houston, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 19th instant, I have to state that the minimum amount of fabricated gold accepted for purchase by the Mint is \$100.00, and all consignments should have a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the material. When consignments consist largely of filled ware they should be accompanied by sufficient high-grade silver in order to effect the large amount of base metal contained in such material.

You will find enclosed a circular which will give you further information on the subject and if you wish to forward any deposits to the Mint, they will have our prompt attention.

Respectfully,

John W. Smith
JOHN W. SMITH, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

February 25, 1932

Mr. Robert MacCollister,
220 Elm Street,
San Mateo, California.

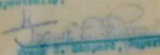
Dear Sir:

Answering the questions contained in your letter of the 17th instant, I have to reply as follows:

- No. 1. The Mint is now manufacturing one-cent bronze pieces bearing the date 1932.
- No. 2. The Mint manufactured one-cent bronze pieces during the calendar year 1931 bearing that date, and all coins issued by the Mint bear the mint mark at which manufactured except in the case of the Mint at Philadelphia which does not have a mint mark.
- No. 3. New coins are supplied only after application has been made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., and his approval received in accordance with the enclosed circular.

Regarding the VEB to which you refer on one-cent bronze pieces, please be advised that these are the initials of the designer of the coin and not a mint mark.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T
Enclosure

February 12, 1932

S. H. Hammond & Company,
111 West Commerce Street,
San Antonio, Texas.

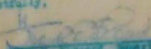
Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 30th instant, I have to advise that the gold mentioned by you will be acceptable for purchase by the Mint - the regulations requiring that deposits must have a value of at least \$100.00 and a precious metal content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the material.

Consignments must in all cases be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the approximate weight and value and be received at the Mint with transportation charges prepaid.

Enclosed you will find a circular which will give you further information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Sheppard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

February 23, 1922

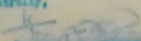
Miss Betty L. E. Lawrence,
16825 Orleans Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your inquiry of the 19th instant regarding premium on the Indian head one-cent bronze piece, please be advised that the Government never recalls or pays a premium on any of its coins, and I have no information as to the premium, if any, paid on old coins by private coin collectors.

Regretting that I am unable to be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shipley, Superintendent

CH:T

February 22, 1933

Monterey Valley Mines, Inc.,
Deming, New Mexico. P.O. Box 97

Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. R.H. West.
President.

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant, I have to advise that the Mint will accept placer gold in lots having a weight of two full troy ounces of gold or more when received at the Mint accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source of the gold and having all transportation charges prepaid. Please also state the approximate weight of any shipment you may make and give full instructions as to the form in which you desire payment made.

I am enclosing a few slips which you may use as a letter of transmittal.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Chapman, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

February 23, 1932

Mr. Effingham Lawrence,
715 Palisade Avenue,
Yonkers, New York.

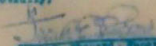
Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of the 16th instant for one-cent bronze pieces coined by this Mint, please be advised that new coins are now distributed only upon application for same to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Upon receipt of approval from the Treasurer, I shall take pleasure in forwarding you the desired coins.

The dime enclosed with your letter is herewith returned.

Respectfully,


Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:F
Enclosures

February 25, 1932

Miss Minnie A. Chute,
22 Crescent Avenue,
Beverly, Massachusetts.

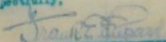
Dear Miss Chute:

Referring to your request of the 18th instant for one-cent bronze pieces coined by this Mint in 1931, please be advised that new coins are distributed only upon application to the Treasurer of the United States in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Upon receipt of approval from the Treasurer, I shall be pleased to send you the desired coins.

Your five-cent nickel is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

February 24, 1922

Mr. H. H. Jeffrey,
Durango, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment of the 16th instant weighing upon receipt here 7.20 troy ounces, please be advised that I am in doubt that your material will have a value of \$100.00 which is the very minimum accepted by the Mint for purchase.

While it is not possible to state definitely prior to melting and assaying deposits what their value is, I believe your material will need the addition of at least \$15.00 in gold to bring it up to the required value.

You no doubt are aware that if deposits do not comply with the regulations, they are rejected and such charges as have been incurred up to the time of their rejection are imposed thereon.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:F

February 23, 1912

Mr. William C. Hanson,
 Euleston, Kansas. P.R. 2

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 18th instant and while you do not state what it is you desire to have assayed, I assume that you have reference to mineral bearing ore and therefore would suggest that any material of that kind be forwarded to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, where determinations will be made for you at the following charges - money order payable to that office for the proper amount to accompany your samples:

Gold	-	\$1.00	Copper	-	\$2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Nickel	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.00			

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:G

February 20, 1932

Mr. William C. Brown
 Salt Lake, Kansas, U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 16th instant and while you do not state what it is you desire to have secured, I assume that you have reference to mineral specimens and therefore would suggest that any material of that kind be forwarded to the United States Agency Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, where determinations will be made for you at the following charges - money order payable to that office for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

Gold	-	\$1.00	Copper	-	\$2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Zinc	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.00			

Respectfully,

Frank H. Smith, Superintendent

February 27, 1922

Mr. Andrew S. Olson,
446 Lewis Avenue,
Moscow, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 20th instant and while you do not state what it is you desire to have assayed, I assume that you have reference to mineral bearing ore and therefore would suggest that any material of that kind be forwarded to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, where determinations will be made for you at the following charges - money order payable to that office for the proper amount to accompany your samples:

Gold	-	\$1.00	Copper	-	\$2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Zinc	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.50			

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 23, 1923

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your voucher-
check No. 13340 in the sum of \$2.00 and your cash remit-
tance of 40% covering commission on collections from tele-
phone booths Ma-2272 and Ma-2725 for the period January 17th
to February 11th, 1923.

Respectfully,

Frank C. McFarland, Superintendent

CS:T

February 24, 1922

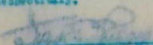
Mrs. M. Layson,
General Delivery,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date, I have to inform you that the Mint does not deal in old coins and does not have any coin book or other literature regarding them.

I would suggest that you look in the advertising pages of the leading magazines for addresses of coin collectors.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Bickard, Superintendent

BCF:S

February 24, 1932

Mr. H. L. Coulter,
Field, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant, I have to advise you that gold and silver scrap will be accepted when the value is at least \$100.00 and where the gold and silver content is at least one-fifth of the weight of the shipment. Should your shipment consist of filled ware, you should add at least one-fifth of its weight in solid silver in order that the base metal content will not be more than 800 parts out of a possible 1000.

If you are inquiring in regard to new or mining gold, I have to state that it will be received in lots of not less than two full troy ounces.

Shipments may be made either by express or by insured parcel post as best suits your convenience. All transportation must be prepaid in all cases and a letter of advice must accompany each shipment. The letter of advice for mining gold must state the name and location of the mine from which it was produced and your connection therewith.

Gold is paid for at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and silver at the market price, less the fraction.

on the day prior to the receipt of the deposit.

I am enclosing circular which will give you additional information regarding the receipt of deposits at the Mints.

Respectfully,


Frank L. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

Enclosure

February 10, 1912.

Mrs. Myrtle Pierpont,
115 South Center St.,
Topeka, Kan.

Dear Madam:

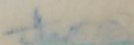
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, requesting a Confederate \$20 bill. This bill is no longer lawful and you are informed that as it was issued by the Confederate States during the Civil War, it is not redeemable.

Regretting that I am unable to be of service to you in this matter, I am

Sincerely,

W.C.V.

By order returned


W.C.V. Branch, an independent

February 25, 1922.

Mrs. Myrtle Pierson,
155 South Center St.,
Mesa, Ariz.

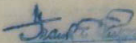
Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, enclosing a Confederate \$20 bill. This bill is returned herewith and you are informed that as it was issued by the Confederate States during the Civil War, it is not redeemable.

Regretting that I am unable to be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

RCF:T
24 stamp returned


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

February 25, 1932

Dr. L. P. Davis
1015 E Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant, I have to advise you that the least value of scrap gold that can be accepted by the Mint is \$100.00. If you have seven troy ounces that will average \$15 per ounce or better, it will contain enough value for us to accept.

The Mint does not make any allowance for platinum contained in deposits nor does it attempt to separate it and return it to depositors. If your scrap contains an appreciable amount of platinum, it would seem advisable to send it to a refinery that handles such material.

The enclosed circular will give you additional information in regard to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Rogers, Superintendent

ECF:T

Enclosure

February 25, 1922

Don S. Parks & Company,
Majestic Building,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 26th instant and to the package of scrap gold received by registered mail, I have to advise you that the least value that may be accepted for purchase by the Mint is \$100.

As your material weighs but 3.35 troy ounces, it will be necessary for you to send approximately an equal amount of similar material to meet our requirements. If you are unable to send this additional material, your consignment will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage.

Please advise us promptly as to your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully


Frank E. Simpson, Superintendent

ESP:T

February 25, 1932

Mr. R. A. Fayer,
P. O. Box 272,
Sweetwater, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant relative to your small nugget, weighing 58/100 of a troy ounce, which was the subject of my letter to you of the 6th instant, I have to advise that while the Mint does not recommend dealers nor does it assume any responsibility for their dealings, the following are the names of reliable dealers in this city who buy gold:

Barlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street,
Carl Blumrock, Mack Building,
Dental Supply Company, Republic Building.

The above names are furnished as an accommodation to you and if you wish to dispose of your gold here, please write me stating to which one of the above you wish me to deliver it. Settlement, of course, will be made direct to you. I am holding the 18¢ in postage enclosed with your letter until further advised by you in the matter.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Campbell, Superintendent

February 28, 1932

Mr. W. MacFadden,
Bartley Crucible & Refractories Company,
Trenton, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. MacFadden:

Relative to your inquiries in letter of February 18th, will advise that natural gas is used as fuel in our melting operations and the crucibles are drawn from the furnace after each heat.

The average absorption in the melting of 100,000 ounces is approximately 20 ounces. It should be understood this includes not only absorption, but in addition metal adhering to the sides of the pot.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EFV:T

February 25, 1938

Mr. G. E. Thompson,
5402 West 41st Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 22 and accompanying sample, please be advised that the list is not equipped to make assays of material of this kind, but a preliminary examination of your sand discloses that it does not contain any value in any of the metals.

If you desire this sample returned to you, kindly forward the necessary postage, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,

Wm. E. Shepard, Superintendent

February 25, 1932

Mr. Ray Haley,
Barrah, Oklahoma. St. 1

Dear Sir:

Referring to your sample of ore received today by registered mail, please be advised that while the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of such material, a preliminary test of same indicates that it consists of white iron and that it does not contain any value in the precious metals.

If you desire the return of your sample, please send us the necessary postage, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,


Frank A. Bunker, Superintendent

February 26, 1922

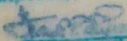
Mr. Ben Nichols,
2137 Pine Street,
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 24th instant, I have today returned to you by insured parcel post the small gold retort forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 14¢ of the 15¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter for that purpose and enclosing herewith 1¢ stamp to balance.

Regretting that I was unable to assist you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

February 26, 1932

Mr. Harmon F. Wilrich,
C/o Gorman's Jewelry Company,
910 Prairie Avenue,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your special delivery air mail letter of the 24th instant was received this morning and I deeply regret to advise you that the material in which your watch case was included was melted yesterday and under the circumstances I am, of course, unable to return the watch case to you.

Had your letter been received earlier, I would have been very glad to take such action as necessary to insure the return of the case to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Murphy, Superintendent

CH:2

February 26, 1952

Mr. Richard C. Ogden,
Dwight, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not have for dis-
tribution any printed matter relative to the operations
of the Mint and I therefore regret that I am unable to
comply with your request pertinent thereto.

Respectfully,


FRANK V. STEPHENS, Superintendent

GR:2

Two two-cent stamps returned

February 26, 1932

Mr. Ben G. Crow,
208 West 10th Street,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

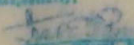
I have your letter of the 23rd instant and in reply have to advise that the Mint will purchase filled gold material when the pure gold content thereof has a minimum value of \$100.00 and when accompanied by sufficient silver to give the mass a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the gross weight.

As you doubtless are aware gold-filled watch cases and other articles of a similar character consist mainly of base metals and such material should be accompanied by sufficient high-grade gold and silver to effect the base metal content.

Believing this to be the information desired,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank V. Murphy, Superintendent

OS:2
Stamped envelope returned

February 26, 1921

Mrs. E. D. Lutz.
St. Paul, Montana.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of the 23rd instant, I have to advise that your second shipment consisting of gold grains has been received and upon receipt here weighs 70/100 of a Troy ounce. Upon examination of your first shipment, consisting of three pieces of metal, I regret to have to advise you that an acid test indicates that these three pieces consist of copper and not gold as believed by you. Under these circumstances, the Mint cannot purchase either lot and both shipments will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

With reference to your request to be advised of the value of each lot, I have to state that had your lots been acceptable for purchase, this information could not be furnished you, owing to the fact that it is necessary in order to determine the value of any given amount of gold to melt and assay it which is only done when the gold in question has sufficient weight and value to be received as a deposit.

Very respectfully,


J. Edgar Hoover, Superintendent

February 27, 1932

Miss Virginia E. Brown,
16 West Baltimore Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date I have to
advise that one-cent bronze pieces were manufactured at
this institution in all of the calendar years mentioned
to you with the exception of 1925, none of which coins are
now available except for the calendar years 1920-21-22.
Should you desire any of these, your application should
be forwarded to the Secretary of the United States at
Washington, D. C., in accordance with the 1921 cir-
cular.

Sincerely,

FREDERICK A. MINT, Superintendent

Very
Respectfully,
F. A. MINT, Superintendent

February 27, 1932

Mr. Gus C. Seelig,
508 Hunstock Avenue,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt this morning of your telegram under date of the 26th instant and have to advise that check in payment of your deposit, in amount of \$148.87, was mailed you on the 18th instant to the above address, or two days after its receipt at this institution.

If upon receipt of this letter you have not received the remittance above referred to, I would suggest that you make inquiry at your local post office and request the postmaster to endeavor to locate my letter to you and should his search prove unsuccessful, please advise me promptly in order that I may request the Treasurer of the United States to stop payment on said check.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

February 27, 1932

Dr. P. J. Keenan,
512 Phoenix Building,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your recent consignment, weighing upon receipt here 6.25 trip ounces, and have to advise that as deposits are not entered on our books for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice, you are requested to write me concerning this shipment at your earliest convenience.

As you are no doubt aware, deposits must have a minimum value of \$100.00 to be acceptable for purchase and while it is possible your material may contain that value, it appears that it may fall somewhat short of that amount, and I would suggest that you forward a small additional quantity of similar material to be added to this lot in order that it may have the full value required by the regulations.

Very respectfully,


Frank A. Johnson, Superintendent

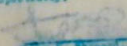
February 27, 1932

Mr. Milton Decker,
Grandview Street,
East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of the 2nd instant for one-cent bronze piece of the coinage of 1922, please be advised that our stock of these coins has long since been exhausted and I am therefore unable to comply with your request.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

2¢ stamp returned

February 23, 1932

Maisel's Indian Trading Post,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your deposit under date of the 27th instant, weighing upon receipt here 10.71 troy ounces and having an approximate value by you of \$95.00, please be advised that material of this kind is not accepted for purchase having a value under \$100.00. I am therefore holding your consignment pending further information from you in the premises.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 25, 1932

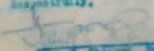
Mr. L. E. McGuire, S.M.
Medford, Oregon. Box 588

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 28th instant and in reply have to advise that the Mint does not receive high-grade gold ore under any circumstances and that no bullion has been deposited here by Mr. Henri Stornes or any bullion of any considerable value from the state of Oregon by any party.

I will place your letter on file and if any information is received pertinent to this matter, you will be duly advised.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

CH:T

February 23, 1932

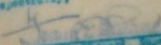
Mr. Albert Chiodok,
1601 Vinton Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of the 25th for new Washington quarter dollar, please be advised that up to the present time this new design of the quarter dollar has not been coined by this Mint, though it is anticipated that the order for such coinage will be given by the Treasury Department in the near future. As soon as these coins are manufactured they will be available for distribution upon application to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., as per the enclosed circular.

No new coins of any kind are distributed except upon order from the Treasurer to whom application should be made.

Respectfully,


Frank L. Shepard, Superintendent

CH.7

February 29, 1932

Mr. W. H. Bitner,
C/o Evans-Wallerow Eino Company,
East Saint Louis, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 25th instant, the weight of which you give as 22.0522 troy ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here your two buttons weigh 22.02 troy ounces and owing to the fact that you carry your weight out to such a large decimal, I thought it proper to advise you of the weight of your material as received here before proceeding to treat it. Please advise me promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Sargent, Superintendent

CH:T

February 29, 1932

Mr. D. E. Lawson,
Chamfield Hotel,
Greeley, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 27th instant requesting permission to bring your class of high school students to visit the Mint on Friday, March 4th, and in reply regret to say that I am unable to accede to your request owing to the fact that the Mint is not open to visitors at the present time nor has it been for a number of years past.

Regretting that I cannot extend to you this courtesy, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:2

February 29, 1932

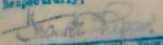
Mr. Kenneth B. Way,
L. Box 186,
Litchfield, Connecticut.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant, please be advised that while one-cent bronze pieces for 1931 of this Mint's coinage are now in circulation, such coinage for 1932 has not yet been distributed except to coin collectors and they are available to such parties upon application to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. as per the enclosed circular.

One-cent bronze pieces of the coinage of 1929 and 1930 are also available at this time. One-cent bronze pieces have been issued by this institution for the years 1911 to 1920, inclusive, also 1922 and 1924 to 1928 - only those of the coinage of 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932 being now available.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure

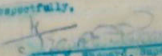
February 29, 1932

Mr. J. E. Wooln,
Gordon, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant,
please be advised that no change has been made in the
amount of dental scrap gold accepted in deposits at the
Mint, the minimum value being \$100.00 and a precious met-
al content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the de-
posit.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

February 29, 1932

Mr. James H. Green, Jr.,
P. O. Box 20,
San Angelo, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your inquiry of the 18th instant, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing specimens but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following charges:

Gold	-	\$1.00	Copper	-	\$2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Flux	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.25			

Money order for the proper amount payable to that office must accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Hill, M.A., Superintendent

GB:V

February 29, 1932

Mr. Harry W. Edwards,
General Delivery,
Lima, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date and under separate cover your consignment consisting of 53.54 ounces of filled ware and 30.53 ounces of good gold, or a total of 84.07 troy ounces, and have to advise that while the latter material would be acceptable as a deposit, the filled ware could be added thereto and one deposit made of the two lots, if you could send about five ounces of high-grade silver to effect the possible excessive base metal content of the filled ware.

In order to explain the necessity for this, I have to say that as you are no doubt aware, filled material contains very little gold, being composed chiefly of base metal, and the Mint regulations require that deposits shall contain at least one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals as well as have a minimum value of \$100.

While your material has a value far in excess of the minimum required, the combination of the two lots would probably give your consignment a base metal content in excess of the minimum acceptable, and it is to effect this that I would suggest the

small amount of silver be added in order that there will be no doubt that your deposit will comply with both requirements.

I am holding your material without treatment and if it is agreeable to you to forward the silver, all of your material will be entered as one deposit and payment made you promptly therefor.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

CH.2

February 29, 1932

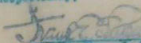
Mr. Max Minzer,
1820 South Boulevard,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your small consignment under date of the 27th instant and regret to advise you that the Mint cannot purchase your material as deposits of this character are not accepted in lots having a value under \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your material will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

March 1, 1932

Dr. Bert Lee,
Brandon, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your correspondence dated of
the 25th instant, I have to advise that an acid test of
your material indicates that it is practically all copper
and has no precious metal content, and I am therefore re-
sending it to you today by express, collect.

Sincerely,



Frank C. Murphy, Superintendent

C-1

March 1, 1932

Dr. Irvin C. Solar,
201 University City Bank Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 26th ultimo, weighing upon receipt here 57.11 troy ounces, I have to advise that after melting and assaying this material, its base metal content has been found to exceed the maximum permitted in deposits acceptable for purchase and your deposit has therefore been rejected and \$1.00 melting charges imposed thereon which you are requested to forward to me at your earliest convenience.

Should you desire to reenter this bar, it will be necessary for you to send about five ounces of high-grade silver to be added thereto to reduce the amount of base metal contained therein, and in future you are requested when forwarding filled or plated gold to include enough high-grade silver therewith in order that there will be no doubt that your deposit will have the precious metal content required by the Mint regulations.

I may also add that the treatment charges are less when the base metal content does not approach the maximum permitted.

Your bar cannot be reentered for purchase under any circumstances until the above charges have been paid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent
By *Benjamin*
Acting Superintendent

March 2, 1932

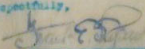
Don G. Parks & Company,
Majestic Building,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request of the 29th ultimo, I have today returned to you by registered mail the package of old gold filings, scraps, etc., forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 36¢ of the \$7½ in stamps inclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning 1¢ herewith to balance.

Regretting my inability to be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,



Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

March 2, 1932

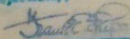
Mr. Gus C. Seelig,
505 Hametock Avenue,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 27th ultimo, which you state weighs 18 ounces and 13 penny-weights which would be equivalent to 18.65 troy ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here your material weighs 18.15 troy ounces or one-half ounce less than stated by you.

Before proceeding to treat your material, I would appreciate your advising me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

March 2, 1933

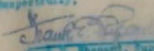
Mr. Reed Cruser,
154 Ford Avenue,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 29th ultimo, please be advised that old gold, jewelry, etc., are purchased by this institution when sent in lots having a value of at least \$100.00 and when the precious metal content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the material.

Gold is paid for at the rate of \$80.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold or fraction thereof. Consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice to be entered upon our books for treatment.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

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March 2, 1922

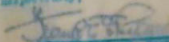
Mr. A. Joseph,
2822 North Spearling Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 27th ultimo, please be advised that old gold, jewelry, etc., are purchased by this institution when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or more and when the precious metal content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the material.

Gold is paid for at the rate of \$20.67 for each Troy ounce of pure gold or fraction thereof. Consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice to be entered upon our books for treatment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Murphy, Superintendent

GH:T

March 2, 1922

Mr. Pitt M. Whipton,
New Rochelle, New York, P.O. Box 222

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 24th ultimo and as requested by you I am enclosing herewith table showing the coinage by denominations and calendar years executed at this Mint from its inception to and including 1920. The coinage from 1921 to 1922, you no doubt have found in the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1921, copy of which you state you have in your possession.

While it is anticipated that the Bicentennial quarter dollar commemorating the birth of George Washington will be issued by this institution in the near future, at the present time I have no information as to the date when such coinage will be begun.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shipley, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

March 2, 1932

Sebel's Loan Office,
1816 1/2 Broadway,
Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a small shipment bearing your name on the outside weighing upon receipt here 3.64 troy which I presume you desire to have added to your first consignment weighing 3.09 troy ounces, and have to advise that material of this kind is not accepted in lots having a value under \$100.00 and while it is not possible to state definitely the value of these combined lots, I presume it will take possibly \$20.00 more in gold to bring your material up to the required value. Should you forward the additional material for this purpose, please accompany your consignment by a letter of advice in order that no mistake will be made in placing the gold to your account, no letter having been received so far for your second consignment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 2, 1932

Stillman Jewelry Company,
214 - 4th Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

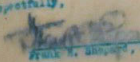
Gentlemen:

Your consignment under date of the 1st instant weighing upon receipt here 28.27 troy ounces has been examined and while I cannot state definitely that it will fulfill the requirements of the Mint, it appears that it will require at least five ounces of high-grade silver for addition thereto in order that the large amount of base metal contained in your filled material will not give the combination of your various lots an excessive base metal content.

While your material will have an excess value over \$100.00 which is the minimum received, it is also necessary that deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals.

Please advise me promptly regarding your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank N. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 3, 1932

Mr. Joe McWhorter,
Britton, Oklahoma. Box 115

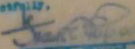
Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 1st instant and in reply please be advised that the Mint will purchase placer gold in lots of two full tray ounces or more and pay \$20.67 for each tray ounce of pure gold contained, which means, of course, that this price is not paid for the weight as sent to the Mint, but for its pure gold content after it has been melted and assayed, less such charges as may be applicable to the material forwarded for purchase.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

I regret to say that I am unable to make any forecast as to the future prospects of silver although it would be pleasing to me personally to have its value restored to such levels as would encourage its production and pay a good profit to those engaged in silver mining.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 3, 1922

Mr. Joe McWhorter,
Britton, Oklahoma. Box 115

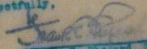
Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 1st instant and in reply please be advised that the Mint will purchase placer gold in lots of two full troy ounces or more and pay \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained, which means, of course, that this price is not paid for the weight as sent to the Mint, but for its pure gold content after it has been melted and assayed, less such charges as may be applicable to the material forwarded for purchase.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

I regret to say that I am unable to make any forecast as to the future prospects of silver although it would be pleasing to me personally to have its value restored to such levels as would encourage its production and pay a good profit to those engaged in silver mining.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Sheppard, Superintendent

CH:T

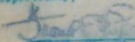
March 3, 1938

Mr. E. C. Sherman,
Harrisburg, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 2nd instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins
in any manner and I regret that I have no information as
to the premium value, if any, of the coins mentioned by
you, neither can I refer you to any one who might be in-
terested in old and rare coins.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 3, 1938

Mr. Walter Cramer,
Clarinda, Iowa.

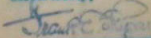
Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 1st instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and when the precious metal content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

If the material forwarded contains an appreciable amount of filled gold, sufficient high-grade silver should be included in order to meet the requirement as to the proportion of the precious metal content.

Consignments must in all cases be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

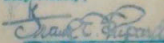
March 3, 1932

Mrs. Naomi Berrege,
San Luis, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Regarding the burned silver money referred to in your letter of the 25th ultimo, I would suggest that you forward it here for examination and you will be promptly advised as to what it may be possible for the Mint to do to help you in the matter. In the event no reimbursement can be made you, it will be necessary for you to send the necessary postage and insurance for the return of the mail to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 5, 1932

Mr. J. P. Wagon
215 Main Street,
Hills City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 27th ultimo
for the return of your gold button, I have today returned
this gold to you by insured parcel post, using $9\frac{1}{2}$ of the
10c in stamp enclosed with your letter for that purpose
and enclosing $\frac{1}{2}$ in postage herewith to balance.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

March 3, 1933

Mr. Louis E. Shaffer,
Traper, South Dakota. Box 28

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 26th ultimo and have to say in answer to your first question that the present New York price for silver is approximately 30¢ per fine ounce and you can no doubt ascertain its price from time to time by consulting the financial page of your local newspaper.

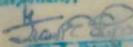
Answering your second question, you are advised that from the establishment of the monetary system of the United States in 1792 to 1873, during which period the standard was double, the ratio of gold to silver in coinage varied from 1:15 to 1:15.999 plus. In the latter year the double standard was repealed and hence there is no ratio between gold and silver in coinage at the present time.

Answering your question as to how the coinage of silver is limited, I have to say that there is no law at the present time permitting the coinage of silver dollars - the last coinage of this denomination being undertaken under the provision of the Act of Congress approved in April 1918, commonly referred to as the "Pittman Act", which was to replace

the silver dollars melted and sold during the World War. The last coinage under this Act was executed in 1918 and no more silver dollars may be coined without specific authority of Congress directing such coinage. The Director of the Mint has authority, however, to order such subsidiary silver coinage - half dollars, quarter dollars and dimes - as may be needed from time to time to meet commercial demands, hence such coinage is limited by demand only.

I regret that I have no information which I can furnish you in answer to the other questions contained in your letter. Perhaps the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., could supply such information.

Respectfully,


Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

March 2, 1933

Mr. Henry Wilamby,
2025 West Division Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 1st instant, weighing upon receipt here 406.75 troy ounces, I have to advise that owing to the large amount of filled ware included in this shipment, I am somewhat in doubt that it will have the necessary precious metal content required by the regulations which are that at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposits must consist of pure gold and silver.

Should I proceed to treat this material and find after melting and assaying that its precious metal content falls below our requirements, it will be necessary for me to reject your deposit and impose such charges as may have been incurred up to that time and to avoid this needless expense to you, I would suggest that you forward approximately 25 ounces of high-grade silver to be melted with this lot which I believe will insure its acceptance. Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Wagner, Superintendent

OR,T

March 4, 1932

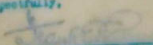
Mr. Frank W. Ayres,
Colby, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant, please be advised that while it is against the policy of the Government to recommend any outside dealers, I would suggest as a matter of accommodation to you that you may be able to obtain pure silver from Carl Blumrock, Mack Building, this city, although I do not know that he could furnish the silver in the form you desire but he may be able to do so.

I would be glad to furnish this silver to you but the Mint does not sell silver in any quantity whatever.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Thompson, Superintendent

CH:2
Stamped envelope returned

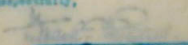
March 4, 1922

Mr. Irl P. Cassell,
Center, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 3rd instant, please be advised that the Government never recalls any of its coins or pays a premium thereon, and I am therefore unable to give you any information as to a premium value, if any, on the one-cent bronze piece mentioned by you.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:V

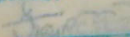
March 4, 1933

Dr. M. J. Moran,
Deming, New Mexico. Box 68

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 1st instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured mail the small
amount of dental wrap forwarded by you to the Mint for pur-
chase, using $9\frac{1}{2}$ of the 10¢ in stamps enclosed with your let-
ter for that purpose and returning herewith $\frac{1}{2}$ stamp to
balance.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2
Enclosure

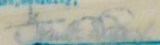
March 4, 1933

Mr. Hugh M. Winsonen,
Pittsville, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 1st instant,
enclosing four strips of metal, I am returning same
herewith, an acid test disclosing that they are com-
posed of copper and therefore of no value to the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2
Enclosure

March 5, 1922

Mr. George E. Beane,
217 Main Street,
Houndsp, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase old gold jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or more where the precious metal content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate that metal and return to the depositor when included in consignments of gold.

The Mint pays \$20.07 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and approximately the New York market price for silver, less \$1.00 for melting charges up to and including 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction, together with a small treatment charge which varies with the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the lower the proportion of base metal, the lower this charge will be.

Consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice to be entered on our books for purchase and have all transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHT

Stamped envelope retained

March 5, 1922

Federal Jewelry Company,
Fourth Floor, Keith & Perry Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant and in reply have to advise that the amount of payment on your recent deposit has been checked and no error appears to have been made thereon.

I note that you state your consignment weighed on your scales 43 ounces, avoirdupois. The Mint weight is the troy ounce and this probably accounts for the difference in your estimate of the value of your material and that paid by the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

March 6, 1922

Mrs. W. A. Campbell,
Eline, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your inquiry of the 3rd instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins
in any manner and I therefore have no information as to
the premiums, if any, paid by coin collectors on such coins,
nor can I give you the name and address of any such collec-
tor.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Sheppard, Superintendent

GE:T

Stamped envelope returned

March 6, 1938

Mr. A. V. Siegel,
227 West Third Street,
Iversonport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your shipment of recent date, the different lots of which according to your letter would have a total weight of 273 ounces, I have to advise that upon weighing the same here your consignment has a total weight of 221.42 troy ounces. The package of gold which you state weighs 13 ounces, weighed upon receipt here 14.66 troy ounces. As the other lots were all mixed, I am unable to advise you of their individual weights.

Please advise me promptly if the weight as received is satisfactory to you before I proceed to treat this material, and oblige

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:2

March 5, 1922

Rev. E. Reiffold,
725 Sherman Street,
Fort Morgan, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 5th instant, please be advised that this Mint does not manufacture proof coins of any denomination, nor up to the present time have any commemorative coins been issued by this Mint.

The designs of commemorative quarter dollars of the bicentennial of the birth of George Washington will be coined at this Mint sometime in the near future but I have no information at the present time when they will be available.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Johnson, Superintendent

CHV

March 8, 1932

Mr. E. C. Shreffler,
535 West 87th Place,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase old gold jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or more, and when the precious metal content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate that metal and return to depositor when included in consignments of gold.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits at approximately the New York market price for silver, less \$1.00 for melting charges up to and including 1000 ounces or fraction thereof and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction, together with a small treatment charge which varies with the amount of base metal contained in deposits; the lower the proportion of base metal, the lower these charges will be.

Consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have all transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

CCNY
Stamped envelope returned.

Frank E. Shreffler, Superintendent

March 7, 1932

Mr. Churchill G. Scott,
510 West 14th Street,
Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant requesting details relative to shipping gold dust and filings to the Mint, you are advised that such consignments are purchased when they have a value of \$100.00 or more and contain at least one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals.

A melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on deposits having a weight of 1000 ounces or less and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction. There is also imposed a small treatment charge which varies according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Payment is usually made on the third day after the receipt of the deposit at the Mint. Consignments should be addressed to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, and in all cases be accompanied by a letter of advice. All transportation charges must be prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Donna K. ...
Acting Superintendent

OS:T

March 7, 1932

E. M. Hawley Company,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your shipment under date of the 3rd instant in which you have included 14½ Dwt. platinum scraps, I have to advise that the Mint does not purchase this metal and your platinum will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

cc


Acting Superintendent

CS:2

March 7, 1932

Dr. J. L. Ingham,
Canyon, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 2nd instant, I have no doubt that by vacuum cleaning your rug you have removed most of the fillings which have fallen upon it in your operations although there may be enough gold remaining in the rug to pay for its recovery by burning if the rug has no longer any value to you.

The Mint does not purchase such gold in lots having a value under \$100.00 and I would suggest that you communicate with Harlinghaus & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, this city, who may be able to recover the gold for you. In suggesting an outside dealer, please be advised that the Mint does so simply as an accommodation and assumes no responsibility in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank C. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:F

Stamped envelope returned

March 7, 1922

Mr. Hart Pfeiffer,
Bifle, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 1st instant and you are advised in reply that the Mint does not sell silver in any form. I would suggest, however, that you renew your request to Carl Sismoreck, Bank Building, this city, who may be able to supply you with the silver you desire, but have to say that the Mint assumes no responsibility when names of outside dealers are suggested to depositors.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Edgar Kimball
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

Postal card returned

March 7, 1932

American National Bank,
Silver City, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Your consignment under date of the 2nd instant weighs upon receipt here 9.61 Troy ounces instead of 10.10 ounces as stated by you.

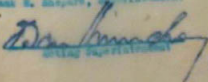
Before proceeding to treat this material, I would like to have your approval of the weight as found here in order that there may be no question in the matter.

Please advise me promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Mining Superintendent

CH:T

March 7, 1922

Jannard's
1017-19 Walnut Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a package containing a sealed can of fillings, etc., bearing your label on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice covering this shipment which the regulations require before deposit may be entered on our books for treatment. Therefore I have to request that you will advise us promptly concerning this shipment.

I am enclosing several blank forms which may be used by you as a letter of advice in forwarding your assignments to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Benjamin
Acting Superintendent

CH:7
Enclosure

March 7, 1932

Mr. Washington Stewart,
115 North Main Street,
Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Answering your postal card of the 4th instant,
you are advised that the Mint has never coined a copper
cent of the size and weight of the piece described by you
and it is evidently a token or advertising article of some
manufacturing concern.

The Mint does not deal in old coins nor pay a
premium thereon.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OK:T

March 8, 1932

Messrs. Sartori & Wolff,
N-10 Wall Street,
Spokane, Washington.

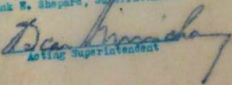
Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant, please be advised that the Mint could not accept for treatment the sweepings mentioned by you owing to the large amount of foreign matter usually included in such consignments - the regulations requiring that 200 parts by assay out of a possible 1000 in all consignments must consist of the precious metals.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OK:T

March 8, 1932

Mr. Max Wlaser,
1820 South Boulevard,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of 48¢ in postage forwarded by you and in response I have today returned to you by registered mail the gold and watch cases sent by you to this Mint for purchase, using 48¢ in stamps for that purpose and returning 4¢ herewith to balance.

Regretting my inability to be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean Kimball
Acting Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

March 8, 1923

Mr. Ray Towland,
Mesa, Arizona. P.O. Box 51

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request I have today returned to you by insured mail the amalgam forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 16¢ of the 40¢ enclosed by you for that purpose and returning herewith 24¢ in stamps to balance.

In this connection please be advised that amalgam in any amount is not accepted for purchase by the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean Kimichay
Acting Superintendent

CHS:V
Enclosure

March 7, 1932

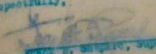
Mr. B. West,
P.O. Box 514,
Deming, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

You are advised in response to your letter of the 5th instant that the Mint will purchase placer gold in lots having a weight of two troy ounces or more and manufactured gold having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not have any bulletins for distribution containing instructions in regard to forwarding consignments, but in the case of shipments of placer gold, the source of production of the gold should be stated; also all consignments, whether placer or manufactured gold, must have transportation charges prepaid and be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


FRANK W. SARGENT, Superintendent

GN:T

March 9, 1933

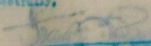
Mr. Elmo E. Hill,
Hoodkiss, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Your small shipment of the 3rd instant, weighing upon receipt here 22/100 of a troy ounce, brings the total weight of the metal now in my possession up to 1.81 troy ounces and I regret to say that these combined lots cannot be purchased by the Mint as the regulations require that deposits of placer gold must have a weight of at least two full troy ounces of gold.

If you desire this gold returned to you, please send me the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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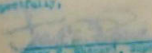
March 9, 1938

Ames Jewelry Manufacturing Company,
Ames, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Your small consignment under date of the 7th instant, weighing upon receipt here 1.66 troy ounces, has been received and you are advised that gold of this character is not purchased in lots having a value less than \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least one fifth of the weight of the deposit. In view of the fact that this consignment does not approximate the minimum received for purchase by the Mint, it will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


James E. Sawyer, Superintendent

CHT

March 9, 1932

Burton Manufacturing Company, Inc.,
750 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Att: Mr. S. J. Fischman

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 6th instant which you state has a pure gold content of 18 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 17.61 troy ounces including the scrap and filings. As the pure gold content will no doubt fall considerably below the amount stated by you, I have to request that you will advise me if I shall proceed to treat this consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Sam Hirsch
Acting Superintendent

CH:3

March 9, 1922

The Frederick Company,
Attention: Mr. E. E. Frederick,
Delaware at Fifth,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

Answering your inquiry of the 8th instant, you are advised that old gold and gold filled ware is purchased in lots having a value of \$100.00 or more when one-fifth of the weight consists of the precious metals.

In shipments containing an appreciable amount of gold-filled ware sufficient high-grade silver should be included in order that the ^{proper} proportion of the precious metals will be contained in the deposit.

Should you make any shipments to the Mint, please accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Benjamin C. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

March 9, 1932

Mr. H. L. Millsaps,
 Meadow, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 1st instant and in regard to the samples of rock forwarded by you have to advise that while the Mint does not make analyses of such material, I do not believe that your specimens contain any value in the precious metals.

If you desire to go to the expense of having this rock assayed, however, I would suggest that you send samples to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, where reliable work of this kind can be done for you at the following rates:

Gold	-	\$1.00	Copper	-	\$3.00
Silver	-	1.00	Nickel	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.50			

Money order for the proper amount payable to that office must accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample you have forwarded here, please send the necessary postage.

Sincerely,

Frank E. Shepard, Assistant
 to the Director

March 10, 1932

Mr. R. E. Moss, Treasurer,
Flat Gold Mining Company, Inc.,
Preston, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant please
be advised that placer gold in lots as small as two troy
ounces is accepted by the Mint, under which conditions the
four ounces and 9 pennyweights clean gold mentioned in your
letter may be forwarded here for purchase.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 10, 1932

Mr. Ben Nichols,
2137 Pine Street,
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your two consignments under date of the 3rd instant, one from the Alma Kee mine and the other from the Logan Mine, weighing 64/100 of a troy ounce and 1.13 ounces, respectively, have been received and I regret to say the Mint cannot purchase these small lots owing to the fact that two full troy ounces is the very least amount which may be accepted for purchase.

If you can send another lot to be added to these two lots, the three lots can be combined and if the total weight thereof is two full troy ounces or more, payment will be made you for same. If this is not convenient, however, your two lots now in my possession will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 10, 1932

Mr. J. E. Stapley,
Paragonah, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 6th instant, please be advised that two full troy ounces is the very least amount of virgin gold the Mint may receive for purchase and under these conditions I regret that I am unable to purchase your nugget which you state weighs about one ounce, unless you can add some other nuggets or placer gold to bring the total weight up to the required amount.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:2
By stamp returned

March 10, 1922

Dr. Herman I. Laff,
408 Metropolitan Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Doctor:

I have your letter of the 8th instant in reference to your account with W. G. Smith, employee of this institution, and beg to advise that I have consulted with Mr. Smith in regard to this matter and have learned that he has had a great deal of financial and domestic trouble since he incurred this obligation.

He advises me that he will come in to see you and on the first of April will endeavor to begin making regular payments to liquidate your account.

I trust this will be satisfactory to you and in the meantime I desire to express my appreciation of your patient consideration of Mr. Smith in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

GD:T

March 10, 1939

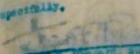
Mr. Alfred S. Foster,
2015 Chestnut Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 8th instant, you are advised that the London Option Gold Mining Company, said to be operating near Leadville, Colorado, is unknown at this institution. It may be that consignments from this company have been forwarded in the name of the mine from which the gold is produced and if you will give us its name, I will be glad to write you further in the matter.

I may add, however, that it is not the policy of the Mint under any circumstances to recommend any mine or furnish detailed information regarding deposits at the Mint, nor express an opinion as to the financial standing of any mining company.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:3
By stamp returned

March 10, 1932

Mr. Charles H. Woff,
215 South 8th Street,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 8th instant, please be advised that the Mint will purchase the metal mentioned by you (except platinum for which no allowance is made when contained in deposits) provided, each consignment will have a value of \$100.00 or more and contain at least one-fifth of its weight in the precious metals - gold and silver.

Owing to the fact that gold-filled watch cases, eye-glass frames and plated ware contain very little gold and therefore have a very large amount of base content, it will be necessary in such cases to include sufficient high-grade silver to give your deposit the proper proportion of the precious metals.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and approximately the New York market price for the silver content, deducting from the proceeds a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction. There is also a small treatment charge which varies with the

Mr. Neff

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base metal contained in the deposit - the higher the base content, the greater the charge.

If you desire to ship your material to the Mint, I shall be glad to have you do so and returns will be made you promptly when your consignments comply with the foregoing conditions.

Transportation charges must be prepaid and each shipment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Howard, Superintendent

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March 10, 1922

Mr. M. J. Strongen,
C/o Lake Hotel,
Gary, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 8th instant, please be advised that the Mint will purchase the material described by you provided, each consignment will have a value of at least \$100.00 and contain not less than one-fifth of its weight in the precious metals - gold and silver.

Owing to the fact that gold-filled watch cases, eyeglass frames and plated ware contain very little gold and therefore have a very large base content, it will be necessary in such cases to include sufficient high-grade silver to give your deposit the proper proportion of the precious metals.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and approximately the New York market price for the silver content, deducting from the proceeds a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction. There is also a small treatment charge which varies with the base metal con-

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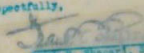
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tained in the deposit - the higher the base content, the greater the charge.

If you desire to ship your material to the Mint, I shall be glad to have you do so and returns will be made you promptly when your consignments comply with the foregoing conditions.

Transportation charges must be prepaid and each shipment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:V

March 11, 1932

Chicago-Haugstuck Crucible Company,
Attention: Mr. D. W. Clark, President,
2525 Clybourn Avenue, Chicago.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant, you are advised that Government bills of lading are furnished only in specific cases where purchases are made by the Government FOB point of shipment.

When shipments are made on Government bill of lading, the freight charges are not prepaid by the consignor and hence it would be necessary in such cases for the Mint in order to be able to determine the lowest bidder to ascertain from the railroad company the freight rates applicable to the shipment and to add the freight charges to the quotations of the bidder whose quotations are FOB point of shipment, the freight rates being the same as would be paid by the public generally. Owing to the convenience, therefore, of having all bills submitted on the same basis - FOB destination - and to eliminate any possibility of error in making awards, I would suggest that no change be made by you in this respect, namely, to include all freight charges prepaid to Denver as has been your custom.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 11, 1932

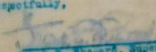
Buff's Jewelry Store,
Roswell, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the two cuff buttons forwarded with your letter of the 8th instant weighing upon receipt here 89/100 of a troy ounces, please be advised that old jewelry is not purchased in lots having a value under \$100.

If you can supply the additional material necessary to bring your deposit up to a value of \$100.00, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of these articles to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 11, 1932

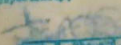
Chief Clerk,
Public Service Company of Colorado,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith Notice of Exception relative to payment made your company for electricity furnished this institution during the month of September, 1931, having particular reference as to when the meter for registering alternating electric current was installed, and also as to demand in watts for lighting.

Will you kindly supply me the necessary information that I may make reply to the General Accounting Office. Your prompt compliance with this request will be appreciated.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:V
Enclosure

March 11, 1932

Modern Loan & Jewelry Store,
2126 Market Street,
Galveston, Texas.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your letter of the 8th instant, please find enclosed several copies of form 104-b which may be used by you as an invoice in forwarding your consignments to the Mint.

Regarding the minimum amount of gold and silver bullion received, I have to advise that deposits must have a value of at least \$100.00 and contain not less than one fifth of their weight in the precious metals.

No allowance is made for platinum nor is it separated from deposits of gold bullion and returned to the depositor.

In making your shipments please use either one of the enclosed blanks or accompany your shipment with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Richard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

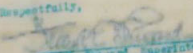
March 11, 1932

E. M. Hawley Company,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 9th instant,
I have today returned to you by insured mail the 18¢ Post.
of platinum forward by you to this institution, using 11¢
of the 18¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that
purpose and returning one one-cent stamp herewith to bal-
ance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2
Enclosure

March 12, 1922

Mr. J. F. Walsh,
Montrose, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th instant in regard to government test of your ore, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral ores but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following charge for each sample:

Gold	-	\$4.00	Copper	-	\$2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Zinc	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.50			

Money order payable to that office for the proper amount must accompany your samples.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:Z
2¢ stamp returned

March 12, 1932

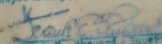
Mr. Max Minzer,
1620 South Boulevard,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th instant and in reply please be advised that your gold was returned you by registered mail on the 8th instant and on the same date I wrote you a letter to that effect and enclosed 49 in stamps which was in excess of the amount necessary to pay for the return of your consignment.

If upon receipt of this letter your gold has not been received, please advise me and I will request the Post-office Department to make a search for the package.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 18, 1922

Mr. James M. Edwards, Jr.,
 Edwards-Sommer Company,
 Alder, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, please be advised that placer gold is accepted for purchase by the Mint in lots of two full tray ounces or more and payment for same will be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States or by cash as preferred by the depositor, less the charges imposed by the Mint for treatment. Only one payment, however, is made on each deposit.

Shipments may be made by registered mail, insured parcel post, or by express as the consignor may prefer, it being immaterial to the Mint in what manner shipments are made. The express company will reimburse the shipper for the value placed upon the shipment in the event it is lost through negligence of the express company, as will the Government when shipments are sent through the mails by the method above indicated.

The Mint has no literature for distribution giving information on the handling and recovery of gold contained in such, or is fact on any form of mining.

Shipments must in all cases be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Sincerely,
 Yours truly,

Frank L. Edwards, Superintendent

March 12, 1932

Mr. James Smith,
Durango, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment of gold weighing upon receipt here 72/100 of a troy ounce has been received and I regret to advise you that the Mint cannot purchase this material as no deposits are accepted having a weight of less than two full troy ounces.

If you can supplement this small lot with the required quantity to bring your deposit up to two full troy ounces, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise I have to request that you will send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this gold to you.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 18, 1932

Master Charles McCarty,
Juvenile Home,
2770 Mackinac Street,
Eagleville, W. S. Michigan.

Dear Charles:

I have your note of the 9th instant and regret that the Mint has no material for distribution relative to the work done by the Mints of the United States.

You may be interested to know, however, that there are three mints in the United States; one located in San Francisco, California; one in Denver, Colorado, and one in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the latter having been established by George Washington in 1792.

These institutions are all the metallic money and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D. C., manufactures all the paper money.

The gold coins of the United States when new contain their face value in pure gold. From a metallic standpoint, the silver coins are worth only their bullion value which varies from time to time as the market value of silver changes according to the demand for that metal.

Sincerely,

Frank B. Johnson, Treasurer

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